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The Commission of Synod.—Meets at Montreal on November 5, 1873, at Noon; and at Toronto on January 21, 1874, at Noon.

The next Meeting of Synod.—Is appointed to begin in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on June 2, 1874, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

LIST OF MODERATORS FROM THE FORMATION OF THE SYNOD IN 1831, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

1831.—Rev. J. Mackenzie, M.A.
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1868.—Rev Robert Dobie.
1869.—Rev. John Jenkins, D.D.
1870.—Rev. Solomon Mylne.
1871.—Rev. Duncan Morrison, M.A.
1872.—Rev. John Hogg, D.D.
1873.—Rev. James Patterson.

Missionary to Manitoba.—Rev. Thomas Hart, M.A.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

At Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there ;—Wednesday, the twenty-second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years :—

Which day the Commission of Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Adam Spenser, who was called to the Chair.

Sederunt.—Adam Spenser, *Moderator ;* James Carmichael (West King), Walter R. Ross, Alexander Macdonald, William Aitken, Joshua Fraser, Daniel J. Macdonnell, James B. Mullan, James Carmichael (Markham), *Ministers ;* Archibald Barker, *Elder.*

The Rev. Walter R. Ross was appointed to act as Clerk.

No business being brought forward, the Commission adjourned, and was closed with prayer.

SYNOD ROLL,

&c., &c.,

June 3rd, 1873.

REV. JAMES PATTERSON.....*Moderator.*
REV. J. H. MACKERRAS, M.A..... *Clerk.*

*** The column of dates gives the times of the appointment of Ministers to the first charges held by them in connection with the Synod.

☞ The reference letters *a*, *b*, &c., indicate the Post Office addresses of Ministers, when these are not expressed by the names of their charges.

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1. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.—REV. DUNCAN ANDERSON, M.A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Quebec on the third Wednesday of May and October.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Cook, D.D....	25 Dec., 1835.	George Weir, M.A.	*Quebec.*
Dun. Anderson, M.A.	26 Dec., 1854.	Alexander Fraser..	*Point Levi. a.*
James McCaul, B.A..	24 Aug., 1864.	John Houlieston...	*Three Rivers.*
Peter Lindsay, B.A..	12 Oct., 1853.	John E. Tanner...	*Sherbrooke.*
Henry Edmison, M.A.	18 Oct., 1866.	Colin McIvor.....	*Melbourne.*
.....			*Valcartier.*

James Douglas, B.A.....
George Weir, M.A. .... } *Licentiates.*
Alex. N. McQuarrie, B.A.

Windsor, Brompton Gore, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, Levis.

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2. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.—REV. JAMES PATTERSON, *Clerk.*

Meets at Montreal on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and Nov.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
James C. Muir, D.D.	29 April, 1836	.....	*Georgetown. a.*
William Simpson....	16 Mar., 1840.	Dan. McNaughton.	*Lachine.*
John McDonald.....	28 June, 1854.	Donald McKay....	*Beechridge. b.*
Frederick P. Sym....	29 Sept., 1852.	John M. Browning.	*Beauharnois.*
James Patterson.....	8 Sept., 1858.	Hugh Merlin.....	*Hemmingford.*
William Masson.....	15 Sept., 1858.	John G. Rennie...	*Russeltown.*
Wm. C. Clark, B.A.	28 Oct., 1858.	Neil Campbell....	*Ormstown.*
John Jenkins, D.D...	27 June, 1865.	James Croil.....	*Montreal, [St. Paul's.*
Donald Ross, B.D...	3 Oct., 1865.	Robert Nichols....	*Chatham and [Grenville. c.*
Donald Ross.....	20 July, 1859.	Alex. Cameron....	*Dundee. d.*
R. Campbell, M.A...	10 April, 1862.	William Hood.....	*Montreal, [St. Gabriel's.*
J. S. Lochead, M.A..	21 Sept., 1866.	John Tully.....	*Elgin and [Athelstane. e.*
Charles A. Doudiet.	23 Aug., 1869.	James Dickson....	*Montreal, [St. Matthew's. f.*
Gavin Lang.....	28 Nov., 1870.	John L. Morris....	*Montreal, [St. Andrew's.*
William M. Black...	7 Mar., 1871.	Robert Kerr.....	*Montreal, [St. Mark's.*
S. McMorine, B.A...	5 Nov., 1868.	James Learmont...	*Huntingdon.*
.....		John T. Adam....	*Laprairie.*
.....		Augustus Hoerner.	*Montreal, [St. John's.*
.....		.....	*St. Louis de [Gonzague.*
.....		.....	*St. Eustache.*

Thomas Fraser, Montreal, 14 June, 1844.
Hugh Niven, Herdman's Corners, 17 Feb., 1857. } *Retired Ministers.*

Charles A. Tanner (*Ordained*), Robert Laing, B.A., *Missionaries.*

Augmentation of Grenville; Montreal, Craig St.; Montreal, Forfar St.; *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, North Georgetown; *b*, St. Remi; *c*, Cushing; *d*, Dundee Centre; *e*, Kelso; *f*, Point St. Charles.

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3. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.—REV. JOHN S. BURNET, *Clerk.*

Meets at Cornwall on the first Wednesday of February, May, Aug. and Nov.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
T. Macpherson, M.A.	28 Dec. 1836.	Robert Sangster...	*Lancaster.*
Peter Watson, B.A..	4 Sept., 1856.	Malcolm McMartin.	*Williamstown.*
John Davidson.....	Sept., 1844.	Isaac McIntosh....	*Williamsburgh. a.*
H. Lamont, D.D....	22 Feb., 1865.	John N. McMillan.	*Finch. b.*
John S. Burnet.....	1 July, 1868.	John Urquhart....	*Martintown.*
James S. Mullan....	31 Dec., 1861.	Samuel Ault.....	*Osnabruck. c.*
Neil McNish, B.D...	25 Nov., 1868.	James Craig.....	*Cornwall.*
Donald McAulay....	8 Dec., 1869.	Finlay McCuaig...	*Cote St. George. d.*
George Porteous....	22 Aug., 1860.	Robert Toye.....	*Matilda. e.*
.....	.....	E. B. McMillan...	*Lochiel.*
.....	.....	N. S. Morrison...	*Dalhousie Mills.*
.....	.....	.....	*Indian Lands.*

Alexander Jamieson, B.A., *Probationer.*
William Ferguson, M.A., *Catechist.*
Alexandria, East Hawkesbury, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, North Williamsburgh; *b*, Newington; *c*, Woodlands; *d*, Mount Joy; *e*, Dixon's Corners.

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4. PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.—REV. WILLIAM BAIN, D.D., *Clerk.*

Meets at Perth on the second Tuesday of January, May and September.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Alex. Mann, M.A....	16 Feb., 1841.	Thomas Bowes....	*Pakenham.*
William Bain, D.D..	29 Oct., 1845.	Hon. Alex. Morris.	*Perth.*
Solomon Mylne.....	16 Oct,, 1850.	Robert Hunter....	*Smith's Falls.*
James Wilson, M.A..	11 June, 1862.	Robert Fleming...	*Lanark.*
Walter Ross, M.A...	15 Oct., 1862.	Robert Bell.....	*Beckwith. a.*
D. McGillivray, B.A.	16 July, 1867.	James Lanskail....	*Brockville.*
R. Campbell, M.A...	26 Oct, 1871.	John Fisher.....	*Macnab & Horton. b.*
William Cochrane...	18 Sept., 1866.	William Morris...	*Middleville and [Dalhousie. c.*
John Bennett.....	29 June, 1869.	William Wilson...	*Ramsay. d.*
.....	.....	.....	*Kitley.*
.....	.....	.....	*Lombardy and [Oliver's Ferry.*

Darling, Palmerston, Lavant, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, Franktown; *b*, Renfrew; *c*, Middleville; *d*, Almonte.

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5. PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.—REV. JAMES FRASER, B.A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Ottawa on the first Tuesday before the second Wednesday of January, May and September.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
James Sinclair	24 Oct., 1853.	Robert Walker	*Huntley.*
William T. Canning	10 Oct., 1859.	John Anderson	*Oxford. a.*
Hugh Cameron	8 Oct., 1862.	Matthew Stevenson.	*Ross & Westmeath. [b.*
Thomas Scott	12 Jan., 1844.	Jas. Anderson	*Plantaganet. c.*
Elias Mullan	18 Sept., 1867.	James McGowan	*Spencerville.*
D. M. Gordon, B.D.	17 Dec., 1867.	Andrew Drummond.	*Ottawa.*
W. McLennan, M.A.	10 Nov., 1869.	John Waddell	*L'Orignal and [Hawkesbury. d.*
William Cleland	2 Aug., 1854.	James Anderson	*Mountain & South [Gower. e.*
James Fraser, B.A.	13 Jan., 1870.	Andrew Blackburn.	*Chelsea.*
D. J. McLean, B.A.	11 Feb., 1863.	A. Garrioch	*Arnprior.*
Joseph Gandier	31 Dec., 1872.	Hon. G. Bryson	*Coulonge. f.*
		William Wilson	*Buckingham and [Cumberland.*
		Duncan Carmichael.	*Litchfield.*
			Richmond.

Alex. Spence, D.D., Elgin, Scotland, 27 July, 1848, *Retired Minister.*
Hugh J. Borthwick, M.A., 19 Feb., 1862, *Ordained Missionary.*
Lochaber, Clarence, Cobden and Osceola, Cantley, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, Oxford Mills; *b*, Beachburgh; *c*, Curran; *d*, L'Orignal; *e*, Kemptville; *f*, Fort Coulonge.

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6. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—REV. J. C. SMITH, M.A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Belleville on the first Wednesday of February and August, and at Kingston on the first Wednesday of May and November.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Robert Neill, D.D.	29 Jan., 1840.	John Clarke	*Seymour. a.*
J. Williamson, LL.D.	25 Feb., 1845		*Queen's College, b.*
Alexander Buchan	12 Nov., 1856.	G. H. Boulter, M.D.	*Stirling.*
J. B. Mowat, M. A.	2 May, 1850		*Queen's College. b.*
W. Snodgrass, D.D.	4 Nov., 1856		*Queen's College. b.*
J. H. Mackerras, M.A.	20 Sep., 1853		*Queen's College. b.*
J. C. Smith, M.A.	21 July, 1864.	Thos. Rutherford	*Belleville.*
James M. Gray	4 Aug. 1869.	Geo. Balcanqual	*Roslin & Thurlow. c.*
G. D. Ferguson, B.A.	16 May, 1855		*Queen's College. b.*
P. S. Livingston, B.A.	17 Aug., 1871.	John Nicoll	*Pittsburgh. d.*
		John Fraser	*Kingston.*
		David Cramond	*Wolfe Island.*

William Campbell, Harold P.O., *Stated Catechist.*
Portsmouth, Rawdon and Seymour West, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, Burnbrae; *b*, Kingston; *c*, Roslin; *d*, Ballantyne's.

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7. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—REV. WALTER R. ROSS, *Clerk.*

Meets at Toronto on the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
John Tawse, M.A.	8 Mar., 1837		*King.*
John Brown	30 Aug., 1854.	Jacob Wells	*Newmarket.*
James Bain	10 Oct., 1854.	Thomas Brown	*Scarboro'. a.*
W. E. McKay, B.A.	29 Oct., 1856		*Orangeville.*
James Carmichael	2 Oct., 1860.	James Burns	*West King. b.*
Walter R. Ross	6 Feb., 1861.	Colin Philip	*Pickering.*
A. Maclennan, B.A.	2 July, 1862.	George Smith	*Scott & Uxbridge. j.*
William Aitken	1 Nov., 1865.	Arch. Cameron	*Vaughan. c.*
A. Macdonald, B.A.	31 Jan., 1866.	Arch. Brown	*Nottawasaga. d.*
D. J. Macdonnell, B.D.	20 Nov., 1866.	William Mitchell.	*Toronto.*
Adam Spenser	4 Aug., 1868.	Neil Smith	*Darlington. e.*
Donald Strachan	8 Sept., 1868.	Angus McMurchy.	*Erin. f.*
D. Macdonald, M.A.	11 Jan., 1865.	Samuel Rainey	*Purple Hill and E. [Nottawasaga. g.*
David P. Niven, B.A.	1 Mar., 1870.	Peter Bisset	*Georgina. h.*
J. Carmichael, M.A.	10 Nov., 1870.	Arch. Barker	*Markham.*
Smith Hutcheson	16 Feb., 1871		*Mulmur. i.*
James B. Mullan	23 July, 1862.	A. D. Fordyce	*Fergus.*
Joshua Fraser, B.A.	21 Sept., 1865.	Alex. Pringle	*Whitby.*
John Ferguson, B.A.	22 April, 1868.	Peter McHaffie	*Osprey & Dunedin.*
		Robert Dodd	*Caledon & Mono. [k.*
			W. Gwillimbury [and Innisfil.
			Arthur.

Samuel Porter, Newmarket, 29 April, 1846.. } *Retired Ministers.*
Alexander Lewis, Mono, 4 Aug., 1840..... }
James Stuart, Toronto, 22 Aug., 1849. ..... }
John Barclay, D.D., 6 Dec., 1842 ..... }

William McKee, B.A., *Ordained Minister without a charge.*
Francis Nicol, 22 Dec., 1859, *Ordained Missionary.*
New Lowell, *Mission Station.*

☞ *a*, Woburn; *b*, Laskey; *c*, Maple; *d*, Collingwood; *e*, Bowmanville; *f*, Hillsburgh; *g*, Creemore; *h*, Sutton; *i*, Rosemont; *j*, Uxbridge; *k*, Maple Valley.

8. PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.—REV. J. ALLISTER MURRAY, *Clerk.*

Meets at Lindsay on the first Tuesday of February, May, August and Nov.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
David Watson, M.A..	30 Aug., 1853.	Angus McKay....	*Thorah. a.*
Arch. Currie, M.A...	23 Oct., 1861.	Lachlan McPhail..	*Brock. b.*
William White.....	24 June, 1857.	.....	*Clark. c.*
J. Allister Murray...	9 Oct., 1867.	James Watson....	*Lindsay.*
K. Maclennan, M.A.	8 Mar., 1853.	Robert Romaine..	*Peterboro'.*
E. Macaulay, B.A...	3 Oct., 1866.	Duncan McRae....	*Balsover.*
M. W. Maclean, M.A.	15 Aug., 1866.	John McNaughton.	*Port Hope.*
James T. Paul.....	5 June, 1850.	Alexander Kidd...	*Dummer. d.*
Alex. McKay, M.A..	11 Dec., 1867.	Colin McFadyen..	*Eldon. e.*

Auburn Mills, *Mission Station.*

☞ *a*, Beaverton; *b*, Wick; *c*, Newtonville; *d*, Warsaw; *e*, Woodville.

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9. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.—REV. ROBERT BURNET, *Clerk.*

Meets at Hamilton and Guelph alternately, on the third Wednesday of April, August and December.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
Geo. Bell, LL.D.....	30 May, 1844.	Joshua G. Wright.	*Clifton.*
Robert Burnet.....	26 Oct., 1853.	William Rankine..	*Hamilton, St. Andrew's.*
M. W. Livingstone..	19 May, 1858.	John Charlton.....	*Simcoe.*
James Herald.....	30 June, 1858.	John Gilmour.....	*Dundas.*
Charles Campbell...	25 Aug., 1858.	James McFarlane..	*Niagara.*
John Hogg, D.D....	30 June, 1859.	David Allan.....	*Guelph.*
William Stewart.....	26 Dec., 1860.	George Ford.....	*Hornby.*
James B. Muir, M.A.	31 May, 1865.	John Rose.....	*Galt,*
G. A. Yeomans, B.A.	22 Sept., 1869.	James Burnet.....	*Woolwich. a.*
Robert Dobie.....	7 Oct., 1853.	Thomas Miller, B.A.	*Milton.*
.....	.....	Thomas Little.....	*Nelson and Waterdown.*
.....	.....	.....	*Richwood and Showers' Corners.*
.....	.....	.....	*Ancaster.*
.....	.....	.....	*Saltfleet and Binbrook.*
.....	.....	.....	*Hamilton, St. Paul's.*

William Johnson, M.A., Hamilton, 15 Nov., 1852. } *Retired Ministers.*
Alexander Forbes, Waterdown, 5 Jan., 1859.... }

Robert G. McLaren, B.A., Flamboro', 14 Aug., 1862, *Ordained Missionary.*

Dover, Lyndoch and Windham Centre, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, Winterbourne.

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10. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—REV. JAMES GORDON, M.A., *Clerk.*

Meets at London on the first Wednesday of January, May and September.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
William Bell, M.A...	17 May, 1848.	John Rannie.....	*N. Easthope. a.*
Jas. McEwen, M.A..	12 Oct., 1854.	Neil Munro... ...	*Westminster. b.*
John Rannie, M.A...	15 Sept., 1859.	H. B. Robertson...	*Chatham. c.*
Hamilton Gibson....	13 Nov., 1850.	.....	*Bayfield& Varna.d.*
James Gordon, M.A..	26 Sept., 1854.	James Stothers....	*N. Dorchester. e.*
David Camelon.....	12 Dec., 1859.	James Wright....	*London.*
Jas. Sieveright, B.A..	30 July, 1857.	.....	*Goderich.*
J. S. Eakin, B.A....	11 Aug., 1869.	Neil Stewart.....	*Parkhill.*
R. Chambers, B.A...	5 July, 1870.	Robert Chambers..	*East Williams. f.*
Wm. T. Wilkins, B.A.	11 April, 1873.	.....	*Stratford.*
.....	.....	George Thompson.	*Kippen.*
.....	.....	.....	*Southwold.*
.....	.....	.....	*Woodstock.*
.....	.....	.....	*Wawanosh.*
.....	.....	.....	*East Oxford.*
.....	.....	.....	*Glencoe and Dunwich.*

William Barr, London, 28 Sept., 1849, *Retired Minister.*

J. B. Taylor, *Ordained Missionary.*

Aldborough, Port Albert, Zorra, *Mission Stations.*

☞ *a*, Shakespeare; *b*, London; *c*, Chatham, Ont.; *d*, Bayfield; *e*, Crumlin; *f*, Nairn.

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11. PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.—REV. DUNCAN MORRISON, M.A., *Clerk.*

Meets at Owen Sound and Paisley alternately on the second Tuesday of January, May and September, at 5 p.m.

MINISTERS.	APPOINTED.	ELDERS.	CHARGES.
D. Morrison, M.A.	22 Oct., 1851.	James Young.....	*Owen Sound and [Derby. a.*
Donald Fraser, M.A.	14 Aug., 1867.	Dugald McCormick.	*Priceville.*
E. B. Rodgers.....	19 Oct., 1870.	James Corbett....	*Leith & Johnson. b.*
W. M. Anderson, M.A.	20 July, 1869.	M. McKendrick...	*Kincardine.*
John Gordon, B.A...	21 Feb., 1865.	George Brockie...	*Paisley.*
.....	.....	.....	*Mount Forest.*
.....	.....	.....	*Saugeen.*
.....	.....	.....	*Walkerton.*

☞ *a*, Owen Sound; *b*, Leith.

Correspondents from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces.

William McMillan. ....*Salt Springs, N.S.*
Robert McCunn.....*River John, N.S.*

For purposes connected with the Temporalities' Fund.

Rev. John Wells.....*New Richmond.*

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland begun at Montreal on the 3rd, and concluded on the 11th day of June, 1873 years.

SESSION XLVI.

DIET I.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Tuesday, the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met according to appointment, after sermon by the Rev. John Hogg, D.D., Minister of Guelph, Retiring Moderator, on this text, John XVII. 20, 21; "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word, that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou has sent Me," and was constituted with prayer by the said Rev. Dr. Hogg.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Sederunt.—James Patterson, *Moderator;* David Watson, Archibald Currie, Kenneth Maclennan, Evan Macaulay, Matthew W. Maclean, James T. Paul, George Bell, Robert Burnet, Martin W. Livingstone, John Hogg, James B. Muir, George A. Yeomans, Robert Dobie, Hamilton Gibson, James Gordon, David Camelon, James Sieveright, William T. Wilkins, Duncan Morrison, Donald Fraser, John Cook, James McCaul, Peter Lindsay, Henry Edmison, James C. Muir, John Macdonald, Frederick P. Sym, William Masson, John Jenkins, Donald Ross (Chatham), Donald Ross (Dundee), Robert Campbell (Montreal),

John S. Lochead, Charles A. Doudiet, Gavin Lang, William M. Black, Samuel Macmorine, Thomas Macpherson, Peter Watson, John Davidson, Hugh Lamont, John S. Burnet, James S. Mullan, Neil McNish, Donald Macaulay, George Porteous, Alexander Mann, William Bain, James Wilson, Walter Ross, Daniel McGillivray, Robert Campbell (Macnab and Horton), William Cochrane, John Bennett, William T. Canning, Hugh Cameron, Elias Mullan, Daniel M. Gordon, William Cleland, Donald J McLean, Joseph Gandier, James Williamson, John B. Mowat, John H. Mackerras, James C. Smith, Peter S Livingston, James Bain, James Carmichael (West King), Walter R. Ross, William Aitken, Alexander Macdonald, Daniel J. Macdonnell, Adam Spenser, Duncan Macdonald, James Carmichael (Markham), Alexander Maclennan, James B. Mullan, Joshua Fraser, *Ministers;* James Wright, George Weir, John Houlieston, John E. Tanner, John M. Browning, John G. Rennie, Neil Campbell, James Croil, Robert Nichols, Alexander Cameron, William Hood, John L. Morris, Robert Kerr, John T. Adam, Augustus Hoerner, Robert Sangster, Malcolm McMartin, John Urquhart, Samuel Ault, James Craig, Finlay McCuaig, Robert Toye, Norman S. Morrison, Robert Fleming, Robert Bell, James Lanskail, William Morris, William Wilson (Ramsay), James McGowan, Andrew Drummond, Thomas Rutherford, John Nicoll, William Mitchell, Archibald Barker, Alexander D. Fordyce, Alexander Pringle, *Elders.*

The Synod, having heard of the death, since last meeting, of the Rev. **Archibald Colquhoun,** formerly of Mulmur, the Rev. **Alexander Mackid,** formerly of Goderich, and the Rev. **William Millar,** lately of Lombardy, would acknowledge the hand of God in this dispensation, and express their sympathy with the families of these deceased Brethren in their trying bereavement.

THE LATE WILLIAM R. CROIL.

As an Elder, as a member from time to time of this Court, and as Secretary-Treasurer for several years of the Temporalities' Fund, **William Richardson Croil** faithfully served the Church of his fathers. During a protracted illness he endured in patience the will of Providence—his faith in the Redeemer was strong and abiding—and his end was peace.

THE LATE JOHN W. COOK.

By the death of **John Wilson Cook,** eldest son of the venerable Minister of Quebec, and for some time Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod's Temporalities' Fund, the Church has lost one of her most loyal, able and devoted sons.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

It was moved by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. D. M. Gordon and passed unanimously, That Rev. James Patterson, Minister of Hemmingford, be Moderator for the year; and he, being present, took the Chair and thanked the House.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING MODERATOR.

On motion of Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Campbell (Montreal) and passed unanimously, the Moderator tendered to Dr. Hogg, Retiring Moderator, the thanks of the Synod for the appropriate discourse preached by him this evening, and for his whole conduct as Moderator.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS.

The Moderator, the Clerk, Dr. Bell, Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Hogg were appointed a Committee to arrange the order of business that may come before the Court.

HOURS OF MEETING.

It was agreed to adopt during the present session the following hours of meeting, viz.: In the forenoon, from eleven to one o'clock; in the afternoon, from three to half-past five o'clock; and in the evening from half-past seven to the close of the Diet.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Synod proceeded to appoint the following Committees:—

1. On Bills and Overtures:—The Moderator, *Convener;* The Clerk, Dr. Bell, Dr. Hogg, Messrs. Lindsay, Mowat, Robert Burnet, Ross (Dundee), Ross (Chatham), Walter R. Ross, Sieveright, Hugh Cameron, McGillivray, Matthew W. Maclean, Joshua Fraser, Donald Fraser; Tanner, Browning, Alexander Cameron, McCuaig, Barker, Mitchell, Fordyce, Fleming.

2. On References, Complaints and Appeals:—The Moderator, *Convener;* The Clerk, Dr. Cook, Dr. Muir, Dr. Williamson, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Bain, Messrs. Mann, Morrison, James Bain, David Watson, Kenneth Maclennan, Campbell (Montreal), Macdonnell, D. M. Gordon, Carmichael (King), Smith, Lang, John S. Burnet, McNish; Weir, Croil, John L. Morris, Craig, Robert Bell, Drummond, James Wright.

3. To revise Synod and Commission Records:—Mr. James S. Mullan, *Convener;* Messrs. Alexander Macdonald, Bennett.

4. To revise Presbytery Records:—Mr. Dobie, *Convener;* Messrs. Sym, Davidson, Peter Watson, Cleland, Currie, D. J. McLean, Duncan Macdonald, Porteous, Lochead, McCaul, Macmorine, Cochrane, Paul, Spenser, Carmichael (Markham), Elias Mullan, Yeomans, Donald Macaulay, Wilkins; John Nicoll, McMartin, Wilson (Ramsay), McGowan, Rutherford, Kerr.

5. To draft an Address to the Queen:—Mr. Wilson, *Convener;* Messrs. Campbell (Renfrew); Weir, Fordyce.

6. To draft an Address to the Governor General:—Mr. Black, *Convener;* Messrs. Muir, Aitken; Browning.

7. On applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry:—Mr. James Gordon, *Convener;* Dr. Lamont, Messrs. Macpherson, Masson, M. W. Livingstone, Camelon, Gibson, James B. Mullan, Alexander Maclennan, Walter Ross, Edmison, Doudiet, P. S. Livingston, Evan Macaulay, Gandier; Hood, Sangster, Robert Nichols, Pringle.

TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Trustees of the University of Queen's College in room of the Rev. Donald Ross, B.D., the Rev. Dr. Barclay, and the Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, M.A., who retired pursuant to the terms of the Royal Charter; when, on motion of Mr. Campbell (Montreal), seconded by Dr. Jenkins, it was unanimously agreed to re-elect the Rev. Donald Ross and the Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, and to elect the Rev. Neil McNish, B.D., members of the Board of Trustees of Queen's College.

TEMPORALITIES' FUND.*

Mr. Croil laid on the table the Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities' Fund.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at eleven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET II.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Wednesday, the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. D. McGillivray.

The minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

The Rev. Malcolm M. McNeill, Ordained Missionary, appointed by the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Rev. Robert Burns, D.D., and the Rev. J. Jones, Ministers of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. James Cleland, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, being present, were asked to sit and deliberate with the House.

REPLIES TO ADDRESSES.

There was read a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for

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* Appendix A.

the Colonies to the Governor General, intimating that the Synod's Address of last year to the Queen had been laid before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and was much gratified by the expressions it contained of sympathy with Herself and the Royal Family on the occasion of the illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and of loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government.

Mr. Lang, Convener of the Committee appointed at last meeting to prepare and present an Address of Welcome to Lord Dufferin, reported that they had discharged the duty entrusted to them. His Excellency's reply was read.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

There were read and referred to the Committee on applications for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry petitions from the Rev. John Tawse, M.A., the Rev. William Bell, M.A., the Rev. William Johnson, M.A., and the Rev. James Sinclair.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Montreal, transmitting an application of the Rev. Charles Gordon Glass, M.A., a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces, and for some time Principal of an Educational Institution in Woodstock, New Brunswick, to be admitted as a Minister of this Church. Mr. Glass' application was referred to the Examining Committee.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE 1873–'74.

The Synod proceeded to appoint the Examining Committee for 1873–'74. It was moved by Mr. Currie, and seconded by Mr. Carmichael (Markham), That it consist of Dr. Hogg, *Convener;* Mr. Ross (Chatham), *Secretary;* Messrs. Muir, D. J. McLean, Walter R. Ross, Walter Ross, J. B. Mullan, Alexander Maclennan, Masson, John S. Burnet, Smith, Peter Watson, Lochead, Cleland, Ross (Dundee), Cochrane, Aitken, Gray, Herald, M. W. McLean, Sieveright, Camelon, William Anderson, John Gordon, Currie, and Carmichael (Markham). To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, and seconded by Dr. Jenkins, That it consist of Dr. Hogg, *Convener;* Mr. Ross (Chatham), *Secretary;* Dr. Bell, Messrs. Rannie, Lindsay, Mylne, Robert Burnet, David Watson, Wilson, James Gordon, Carmichael (West King), Macdonnell, Smith, McNish, Lang, Donald Fraser, William Maclennan, Campbell (Renfrew), Porteous, Clark, Joshua Fraser, Dobie, Murray, Sieveright, D. P. Niven, Cleland. To this it was further moved in amendment by Dr. Cook, and seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the Examining Committee for this year be re-appointed for 1873–'74. A vote having been taken, the Second Amendment was carried over the First Amendment by a majority of 41 to 14; and the

Second Amendment over the motion by a majority of 44 to 5. The Second Amendment was declared to be the judgment of the House.

MORRIN COLLEGE.*

The Synod called for the annual Report of the Governors of Morrin College. Said report was presented and read. Dr. Cook, Principal of said College, made a verbal statement as to the condition and prospects of the College in addition thereto. The Synod unanimously agreed to thank Dr. Cook, and to express their great gratification at the state of the Institution under his charge as thus made known.

The Synod elected the Rev. Peter Lindsay, B.A., and the Rev. James McCaul, B.A., Governors of Morrin College.

MANAGERS OF THE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Synod proceeded to the election of three Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund in room of those who retired pursuant to the terms of the Act of Incorporation; when it was unanimously agreed to re-elect the Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., and Alexander Cross, Esq., and to elect Alexander Mitchell, Esq., in room of James S. Hunter, Esq., who in consequence of a pressure of engagements declines re-election.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.†

The twenty-fifth annual report of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, together with the Treasurer's financial statements, was presented and read by the Chairman, Mr. Campbell (Montreal). After deliberation and motion to that effect, the Synod unanimously resolved to receive these documents and refer them to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Lindsay, *Convener;* Dr. Bain, Messrs. Mann, Morrison, Sym Muir, David Watson, Currie, Bennett, Cameron, Camelon, Joshua Fraser, James S. Mullan; Bell, Browning, Tanner, Wilson (Ramsay), Barker, Mitchell, Neil Compbell, with instructions to report at an early Diet.

MANAGERS OF SUSTENTATION FUND.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins was re-lected Chairman, and Dr. Bell and James Croil, Esq., were re-elected members of the Board of Managers of the Sustentation Fund.

TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

Mr. Croil, Secretary-Treasurer, read the annual Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities' Fund, laid on the table of the House last evening. These were referred for consideration to a Committee, consisting of Mr. Ross

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(Dundee), *Convener;* Messrs. Robert Burnet, McGillivray, Campbell (Renfrew), Carmichael (Markham); Barker and Mitchell, with instructions to give attention to the matters contained in said documents, and report at a subsequent Diet.

CORRESPONDENTS FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mr. D. M. Gordon introduced to the House the Rev. William McMillan, Minister of Saltsprings in the Presbytery of Pictou, and the Rev. Robert McCunn, Minister of River John in the same Presbytery, who had been appointed by the Synod of the Maritime Provinces Corresponding Members to attend this meeting and take part in their deliberations. These Correspondents presented their Commissions and were welcomed by the Moderator. Their names were ordered to be added to the Synod Roll.

The Clerk was instructed to add the name of the Rev. William McMillan to the Committee on References, Complaints and Appeals, and that of the Rev. Robert McCunn to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Rev. George Wells, Minister of the American Presbyterian Church in this City, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate with the House.

SUSTENTATION FUND.*

Dr. Jenkins, Chairman of the Board, presented and read the annual Report and appended financial statements of the Managers of the Sustentation Fund. These documents were referred to a Committee, consisting of Mr. John S. Burnet, *Convener;* Messrs. James B. Mullan, Alexander Macdonald, Macmorine; Ault and Rutherford, with instructions to consider the same and report thereon to the Synod at a future Diet.

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE.

Application was made by the Presbytery of Quebec for leave to take Mr. David W. Morrison, B.A., Student of Divinity, on public Probationary trials for License. A similar application was made by the Presbytery of London in behalf of Mr. Alexander Campbell, B.A. The Synod, having ascertained that Circular Letters, intimating the intention of these Presbyteries to make said application, had been duly issued, instructed Messrs. Morrison and Campbell to appear before the Examining Committee.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The Clerk presented a Commission from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, appointing

* Appendix B.

the Rev. William Hogarth, D.D., the Rev. George D. Baker and the Hon. J. S. Ferrand, Ruling Elder, a Deputation to this Synod. Mr. Baker, being present, was welcomed by the Moderator, and addressed the House in an able and interesting speech. Whereupon it was moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Dr. Cook and passed unanimously, That the Synod express their great satisfaction with the attendance at this meeting of the Rev. G. D. Baker, as a Delegate from the Church which he here represents, and with the statements which he has made before this House, indicating the beneficial results of the reunion of the two branches of their Church, and the presence among them of a spirit of unwonted earnestness and Missionary zeal; and unite in the prayer that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church may continue to rest upon our Christian Brethren in the United States. The Moderator conveyed to Mr. Barker the cordial thanks of the House for his presence and eloquent address.

Dr. Murray, Professor of Metaphysics in McGill University in this City, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate with the House.

RETURNS FROM PRESBYTERIES.

There were read Returns from Presbyteries to the Overtures sent down to them by last meeting of Synod for consideration. It was found in regard to

1. Overture anent the *status* of Ministers engaged in French Evangelization—that the Presbyteries of Montreal, Glengary, Perth, Ottawa, Toronto and Victoria disapproved; the Presbytery of Saugeen approved *simpliciter;* the Presbytery of Kingston approved, provided it involved no claim on the Temporalities' or Sustentation Fund; and the Presbytery of Quebec deemed it unnecessary to make a general law on the subject.

2. Overture anent shortening the curriculum in certain cases—the Presbyteries of Montreal and Victoria approved *simpliciter;* the Presbyteries of Perth, Ottawa, Toronto and Saugeen approved on certain conditions and with specified limitations; the Presbyteries of Glengary and Kingston disapproved.

3. Overture anent the *status* of Retired Ministers—the Presbyteries of Quebec, Montreal, Glengary and Hamilton approved; the Presbyteries of Perth, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and Saugeen disapproved.

4. Overture anent Joint Meetings of Managers and Elders—the Presbyteries of Perth, Kingston and Victoria approved; the Presbyteries of Quebec. Montreal, Glengary, Ottawa, Toronto and Saugeen disapproved.

In terms of the Barrier Act, the Moderator declared that the Overture, rescinding the law which gives to Retired Ministers in Church Courts the status of Ministers holding charges, passes into a permanent enactment of the Church, and that the Overtures anent the status of Ministers engaged in French Evangelization—the shortening of the Curriculum in certain cases—joint meetings of Elders and Managers are rejected.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO SCOTLAND.

Dr. Jenkins, one of the Deputation appointed at last meeting of Synod to appear at the Venerable the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reported that he had fulfilled the appointment of Synod, and gave an interesting account of the cordial reception with which he had met from the Supreme Court of the Parent Church. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Campbell (Montreal), seconded by Dr. Cook and passed unanimously, That the Synod record their satisfaction with the manner in which Dr. Jenkins had discharged the important duty intrusted to him—the pleasure with which they have listened to the statements he has made—and the delight which they experience in hearing of the continued prosperity of the Parent Church.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENTS TO THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

Messrs. Smith and Doudiet, who had been appointed Correspondents to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, reported that owing to unforseen circumstances they had been unable to fulfil this appointment. The Synod accepted their explanations as satisfactory.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, one of the Delegates appointed to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, reported that he had been present at the meeting of that Assembly recently held in Baltimore—that he had been cordially received—and had been much gratified with the many evidences of spiritual prosperity in that Church, especially as evinced in the vast operations of their Foreign Mission. It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Jenkins and passed unanimously, That the thanks of the Synod are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Maclennan for the excellent judgment with which he has discharged the duty committed to him, and for the able and interesting report which he has now presented.

RECEPTION OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Messrs. McCunn and McMillan, Corresponding Members from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, next addressed the House.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at eleven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET III.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Thursday, the fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Robert McCunn.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

MANAGERS OF THE TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

The Synod proceeded to elect four Managers of the Temporalities' Fund in room of those who retired pursuant to the terms of the Act of Incorporation; when it was unanimously agreed to re-elect the Rev. Gavin Lang, the Rev. J. H. Mackerras, John L. Morris, Esq., and Judge Dennistoun, members of the Temporalities' Board.

NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

An understanding was come to as to the time and place of next annual meeting of Synod.

The Rev. George M. Grant, M.A., Minister of St. Matthew's Church, Halifax, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate with the House, and was welcomed by the Moderator.

The Rev. Jacob Ellegood, a Minister of the Episcopal Church in this City, being present, was invited to sit and deliberate with the House.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Ottawa, transmitting an application from the Rev. James Cleland, a Minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and formerly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, to be admitted as a Minister of this Church. A similar application was made by the Presbytery of Hamilton in behalf of the Rev. E. W. Waits, an ordained Minister of the Primitive Methodist Church, and by the Presbytery of London in behalf of Mr. J. B. Taylor, a Probationer of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Messrs. Cleland, Waits and Taylor were referred to the Examining Committee.

The minutes of a meeting of the Commission of Synod, held at Toronto on January 22, 1873, were read and sustained.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON MR. MACLENNAN'S MEMORIAL.

Mr. Smith, Convener of the Commission appointed to meet at Whitby to deal with and dispose of the subject of the Memorial of the

Rev. Kenneth Maclennan, presented and read a report, stating that after a lengthened and minute investigation they had unanimously found that Mr. Maclennan had been subjected to a pecuniary loss of at least five hundred dollars ($500), arising from the non-payment for several years in succession of his claim as Minister at Whitby on the revenue accruing from the sale of the glebe belonging to the congregation there—that they regarded the responsibility of this loss as resting solely upon the Presbytery of Toronto—and suggested that Mr. Maclennan should accept a compromise of his claim at three hundred and fifty dollars ($350), with which suggestion Mr. Maclennan had signified his acquiescence. There was also read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, intimating that the Presbytery declined to take action on the said finding of the Commission. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Campbell (Montreal), seconded by Mr. J. S. Burnet and passed unanimously, That the report be received, and the thanks of the Synod conveyed to the Commission for their diligence.

FRENCH MISSION SCHEME.*

The Report of the Committee on the French Mission Scheme was given in and read by Mr. Black, Interim-Convener. It was moved by Mr. Lang and seconded by Mr. McGillivray, That the report now read be received with thanks to the Committee for their labours, but, in respect that the Basis of amalgamation with the French Canadian Missionary Society (agreed upon at a Conference of Sub-Committees, appointed respectively by the Synod's Special Committee on French Mission Work and the Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society) appears to be fair and equitable, the Synod resolve to enter into such amalgamation and re-appoint the Committee, with instructions to carry it out without further delay. To this it was moved in amendment by Dr. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Macdonnell; Receive the report; thank the Committee for its diligence; adopt the suggestion of the Committee that, for the present at least, the French Mission Scheme be retained as one of the Schemes of the Church; appoint as a Committee Mr. Black, *Convener;* Mr. Croil, *Secretary* and *Treasurer;* Dr. Jenkins, Messrs. Campbell (Montreal), Doudiet, Patterson, Masson; Alexander Macpherson, A. B. Stewart, Archibald Ferguson, with power to add to their number, and instruct the Committee to do what may be in its power to maintain French ordinances in St. John's Church. After lengthened deliberation a vote was taken, when the Amendment was carried over the Motion by a majority of 41 to 26, and was declared by the Moderator to be the judgment of the House. Mr. Lang entered his dissent.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at eleven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

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DIET IV.

At Montreal, and wihtin St. Andrew's Church there; Friday, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years :—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. D. M. Gordon.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE C. P. ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Muir, appointed at last meeting a Delegate to the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, reported that he had fulfilled this appointment—had been received in a cordial manner—and had conveyed to that Body the fraternal greetings of this Synod. Mr. Muir was thanked for the able manner in which he had discharged this duty.

BEQUEST BY MRS. MCINTYRE.

Dr. Bain stated that the late Mrs. McIntyre, of Perth, a member of his congregation and widow of the late John McIntyre, Esq., B.A., had (besides a legacy to Queen's College for the establishment of a Bursary) bequeathed to the Church the sum of four hundred dollars ($400), to be appropriated to such Scheme or Schemes of the Church as the Synod shall think best. Dr. Bain further stated that he expected the Executors would soon be in a position to pay this sum to the Synod and moved, seconded by Dr. Jenkins, that of the sum of four hundred dollars ($400), thus bequeathed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) be appropriated to the General Sustentation Fund, one hundred dollars ($100) to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, fifty dollars ($50) to the French Mission and one hundred dollars ($100) to the Manitoba Mission, and that the receipts of the Treasurers of these Schemes be a discharge from the Synod to the Executors. The Synod unanimously resolved to decern in terms of this motion and to record their appreciation of the warm interest manifested by the deceased lady in measures intended to promote the prosperity of this Church and the extension of religion.

APPLICATION OF THE REV. F. NICOL.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, transmitting an application of the Rev. Francis Nicol, desiring to have his claim on the congregational department of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund from the contributions to that Fund made by the congregation of London during his incumbency recognized. On motion

of Mr. Carmichael (Markham), seconded by Dr. Jenkins, the Synod unanimously agreed to refer said application to the favourable consideration of the Board of Managers of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

OVERTURE ANENT HONORARY DEGREES.

The Overture from the Presbytery of Glengary anent Honorary Degrees, laid over from the last meeting of Synod, was next taken up and considered. It was moved by Mr. James Gordon and seconded by Mr. Wilkins, That the Overture be referred to a Committee, with instructions to report at a future Diet. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. Joshua Fraser and seconded by Mr. Mann, That the Overture be dismissed. A vote having been taken, the Amendment was carried over the Motion by a majority of 41 to 2 and the Moderator declared accordingly.

SERVICES FOR SABBATH.

The Moderator appointed the under-mentioned Ministers to conduct public worship in the several City Charges on Sabbath next, as follows, viz. :—

The Rev.	Robert McCunn	in	St. Andrew's Church	on the	forenoon.
"	"	M. W. Maclean	"	"	"	"	evening.
"	"	Dr. Cook	"	St. Paul's	"	"	forenoon.
"	"	G. M. Grant	"	"	"	"	evening.
"	"	D. J. Macdonnell	"	St. Gabriel's	"	"	forenoon.
"	"	J. B. Muir	"	"	"	"	evening.
"	"	J. S. Burnet	"	St. Mark's	"	"	forenoon.
"	"	S. Macmorine	"	"	"	"	evening.
"	"	P. S. Livingston	"	St. Matthew's	"	"	forenoon.
"	"	J. Carmichael (Markham)	"		"	"	evening.
"	"	M. M. McNeill at the East End Mission				"	forenoon.
"	"	J. E. Tanner in St. John's Church				"	"

" " Donald Fraser to conduct Divine service in Gaelic within St. Paul's Church at half-past two o'clock, p.m.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

Intimation was made that the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon of Sabbath had been recommended by the Committee on arrangements as a suitable hour for the Synodical observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The recommendation was adopted and the Moderator was requested to preside at the administration of the solemn ordinance.

MODEL DEED.

There was read a Memorial from the Presbytery of Toronto, craving the Synod to take steps to have the Model Deed revised and shortened.

Mr. Barker was heard in support of the same. On motion of Mr. Barker, seconded by Dr. Bell, the Synod unanimously resolved to receive and adopt the Memorial and refer the Model Deed, as they hereby do, to John Bain, Esq., Toronto, for revision with a view, while retaining its essential features, to render it more concise.

OVERTURE ANENT THE TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

There was presented and read an Overture, subscribed by Mr. Lang. Said Overture is of the following tenor, viz. :—

"Whereas grave doubts are entertained in many quarters as "to the legality of the Scheme for the disposal of the Tempo- "ralities' Fund after vested rights shall have lapsed, to which "the Synod agreed at a previous meeting; and whereas it is "important and desirable that such doubts should be set at "rest before any Basis of Union between the Presbyterian "Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland "and the different negotiating Presbyterian Bodies in Canada "be sent down to Presbyteries, Kirk-Sessions and Congrega- "tions, it is humbly overtured that the whole subject of the "past and present relations of this Church to the Temporalities' "Fund be referred to a special Legal Commission, to be named "before the rising of this Synod, to consider and report to next "Synod whether and how far the change proposed in the "future disposal of that Fund is legal or consistent with the "purpose for which and the connection in which it was origin- "ally obtained."

Mr. Lang was heard in support of the Overture and moved, seconded by Mr. Peter Watson, That the prayer of the Overture be granted. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. D. M. Gordon and seconded by Dr. Bell, That the Overture be dismissed. A vote having been taken, the Amendment was carried over the Motion by a majority of 63 to 26, and became the judgment of the House. From this finding Messrs. Lang, Mann, Macpherson, Davidson, David Watson, Peter Watson, Robert Burnet, Dobie, John Macdonald, James S. Mullan, Wilson, Aitken, Cochrane, McGillivray, Spenser, Donald Macaulay; Mitchell, James Wright, Lanskail dissented.

REPORT ON UNION.*

Mr. Kenneth Maclennan in the absence of Dr. Snodgrass, Convener, presented and read the Report of the Committee on Union with other Presbyterian Bodies in the Dominion and made explanatory statements in connection therewith. After lengthened deliberation, the further discussion of the same was deferred until to-morrow.

A communication having been made to the Synod that the Rev. William Maclennan, M.A., Minister of L'Orignal and Hawkesbury, who had been prevented by indisposition from meeting with the

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Synod, was dangerously ill, the Synod resolved to commend their Brother to God in prayer. On the call of the Moderator, Dr. Jenkins led the prayers of the Synod.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow at eleven o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with singing Psalm CXXXIII. and prayer.

DIET V.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Saturday, the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years :—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. W. T. Wilkins.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

REPORT ON UNION.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Report of the Committee on Union. On motion of Mr. Mackerras, seconded by Mr. J. S. Burnet, the Synod resolved to dispose of the matters brought before them in the Report of their Committee on Union and the Minutes of the Joint Committee in the following order, viz. :—

I. The Basis of Union.

II. All the accompanying Resolutions with the exception of that referring to the Temporalities' Fund.

III. That relating to the Temporalities' Fund.

It was moved by Dr. Cook, seconded by Mr. John L. Morris and passed unanimously—

I. That this Synod approve and accept the "Basis of Union" agreed to by the Joint Committee of the negotiating Churches.

II. That this Synod approve and accept the Resolutions agreed to by the said Joint Committee on—

(1) The subject of Public Worship.
(2) The establishment of a Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Ministers
(3) The subject of Collegiate Institutions.
(4) The legislation to be sought for in regard to property and the rights thereof.
(5) On Home and Foreign Missionary operations.
(6) On Government grants to Denominational Colleges.
(7) On the unanimity of sentiment in regard to the Headship of Christ, in regard of which doctrine the Synod regret that any question should have been mooted—the orthodoxy of this Synod on the subject being, and having always been, beyond question.

It was further moved by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. John L. Morris, That the Synod send down said Basis and Resolutions to Presbyteries, Kirk-Sessions and Congregations, with instructions to Kirk-Sessions and Congregations to report to Presbyteries, and to Presbyteries to report to the next meeting of Synod with reference thereto; it being the conviction of the Synod that there is nothing in them inconsistent with the principles which this Church holds and has always held. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Robert Burnet, That the last clause of the Motion be omitted and the following substituted, That this Synod in sending down the Basis of Union with the Canada Presbyterian Church for the consideration of Presbyteries, Kirk-Sessions and Congregations declare that this Church in negotiating said Union recedes from no ground hitherto occupied—gives up no view and no principle hitherto held in the past history of the Church whether before or after the year 1844.

A vote having been taken, the Motion was carried over the Amendment by a majority of 57 to 7, and became the judgment of the House.

Consideration of the Resolution affecting the disposal of the Temporalities' Fund was deferred until Monday.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the examining Committee was presented by Mr. Ross (Chatham), Secretary, bearing that the Committee have carefully examined Messrs. Alexander Campbell, B.A. and David W. Morrison, B.A., who were referred to them, on the prescribed subjects of examination and that they have been highly satisfied with their proficiency and attainments. In terms of the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod granted leave to the Presbyteries of London and Quebec to take Messrs. Campbell and Morrison on public probationary trials for License.

Further, the Committee reported favourably on the applications of the Rev. Charles G. Glass, M.A., the Rev. James Cleland, the Rev. E. W. Waits and Mr. J. B. Taylor, Probationer. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the Synod agreed to admit Messrs. Glass, Cleland and Waits as Ministers, and Mr. Taylor as a Probationer, of this Church without requiring them to undergo the probation of one year demanded in such cases by the Act of Synod.

With regard to the Overture anent "certain requirements from Candidates for the Ministry," sent down to them by the Synod for consideration, the Committee recommend that Presbyteries be enjoined in examining Candidates for License to pay particular attention to the matter and manner of their prayers and to the mode in which they read the Holy Scriptures. The Synod adopted the recommendation of the Committee.

Permission, having been asked, was granted to the Presbytery of Quebec to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the 9th inst., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and thereafter by adjournment, for the purpose of hearing the probationary trials of Mr. Morrison, and if satisfied therewith, proceeding to license him.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place on Monday forenoon at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Sabbath, the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years:—

Which day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed to the members of the Synod. Communicants belonging to the several Churches in this City were invited to participate in the solemn ordinance.

The religious services were conducted by the Moderator, and the Rev. G. M. Grant.

Messrs. James Croil, John L. Morris, James Craig, Andrew Drummond, Robert Bell, A. D. Fordyce, James Wright, William Mitchell, William Wilson (Ramsay), and J. M. Browning, officiated as Elders on this occasion.

DIET VI.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Monday, the ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. M. W. Livingstone.

The Minutes of Saturday's Diet and of the Sabbath's Communion Services were read and sustained.

"ST. PAUL'S CHURCH," HAMILTON.

A memorial was presented from the office-bearers of the recently organized "Second Congregation" in Hamilton, praying that the name of the congregation be entered on the Roll of Synod as "St. Paul's Church, Hamilton." The Clerk was instructed to make the change desired.

ASSESSORS.

Dr. Hogg and Mr. Ross (Chatham) were appointed to act as Assessors with the Presbytery of Quebec.

APPLICATION OF MR. A. ROSS.

There was read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Montreal, embodying an application of Mr. Archibald Ross to be permitted to have the Curriculum in his case shortened, so that he might be allowed to enter at once one of the Divinity Halls of the Church and, along with his Theological studies, take such subjects in the Arts' course as may be deemed desirable. Mr. Ross' application was referred to the Examining Committee.

REPORT ON UNION.

The Synod entered upon consideration of that portion of the Report of the Committee on Union relating to the Temporalities' Fund. The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, at first with Mr. Morrison, afterwards with Dr. Jenkins in the Chair. After lengthened deliberation, it was moved by Dr. Cook and seconded by Mr. John L. Morris, That the Synod approve and accept the Resolution in regard to the Temporalities' Fund, as being, on the whole, in the altered circumstances of this Body after Union, the most advantageous for the promotion of the great interests which that Fund was designed to subserve, with this exception, however, that the salary of two hundred dollars ($200) shall in the case of Ministers, who with the consent of the Church retire from the active duties of the Ministry from old age or infirmity, be increased to four hundred dollars ($400); and that legislation be sought to legalize such distribution. It was further moved by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. David Watson, That inasmuch as the proposed arrangement for the disposal of the Temporalities' Fund in the event of Union is known to be unsatisfactory to a considerable number of Ministers, Elders and people of this Church, a Committee, consisting of Dr. Cook, Dr. Jenkins, Messrs. David Watson, Lang; John L. Morris, Craig, James Michie and the mover, be appointed to consider along with similar Committees from the other negotiating Churches (1) the practicability of applying this Fund, after all vested rights have lapsed, to the establishment on equitable grounds of a General Sustentation or Home Mission Fund of the united Church and (2), if found that any of the Churches now negotiating for Union are opposed to the formation of such a Fund, to consider some plan whereby this Fund may be applied as an Endowment for all congregations on the Roll of Synod at the consummation of Union, or any other Scheme which will secure to the present or future Ministers of existing congregations in this Church all the benefits to be derived from this Fund in accordance with the original intention of its founders. The following amendment to Dr. Cook's motion was proposed by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Muir, That, while agreeing to the principle of the proposed distribution, it be modified so that the rights in the Fund of all Ministers now on the Roll be respected up to the enjoyment of four hundred dollars ($400)

in terms of the law of Synod originally laid down in regard thereto in the Minutes of 1856. It was further moved in amendment to Dr. Cook's motion by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Mann, That the right of every Minister to participate in the Temporalities' Fund be after the Union inalienable, so long as he shall remain in connection with the Church.

It was determined to take separate votes on the (1) and (2) parts of Mr. Mitchell's motion. Dr. Cook's motion was carried over Mr. Patterson's amendment by a majority of 39 to 18, over the (1) portion of Mr. Mitchell's motion by 51 to 13, over Mr. Wilson's amendment by 39 to 9, and over the (2) portion of Mr. Mitchell's motion by 45 to 13.

The Committee rose and reported that Dr. Cook's motion had been carried by successive majorities over the other motion and amendments. On motion of Dr. Cook, seconded by Dr. Bain, the Resolution of the Committee became the judgment of the House and the Moderator declared accordingly. From this finding Mr. Mitchell dissented and gave in the following reason of dissent, viz:—

> That the proposed mode of distributing the Temporalities' Fund is contrary to the original intention for which this Fund was established, namely, a partial endowment of the Ministry—thereby putting an end to a wise and distinctive policy of this Church.

Messrs. David Watson, Lang, Macpherson, Davidson, McGillivray; James Wright and Lanskail also entered their dissent and adhered to Mr. Mitchell's reason. Dr. Cook, Dr. Jenkins, Mr. Macdonnell and Mr. James Craig were appointed a Committee to prepare and give in answers to this reason of dissent.

On motion to that effect, the Clerk was instructed to record that the majority who voted against Mr. Wilson's amendment did so, because they believed that its terms were fully covered by the clause in the Resolution, specifying that all annual stipends shall be paid to Ministers and Probationers of this Church at the time of the Union *"during their lifetime and good standing in the Church."*

The Synod resolved to send down this Resolution anent the eventual disposal of the Temporalities' Fund to Presbyteries, Kirk-Sessions and Congregations: and the Moderator and Clerk were instructed in preparing the remit to require returns to be made separately to 1st, the Basis; 2nd, the first seven Resolutions and 3rd, the Resolution affecting the Temporalities' Fund; and to intimate that, in the case of Nay being returned to any of these, said answer may be accompanied with a statement of the grounds of such opposition. It shall also be understood that communicants (male and female) are the parties entitled to vote; but adherents may send up their views through Presbyteries and Kirk-Sessions to this Court in a separate form.

Further, on motion of Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Campbell, (Montreal), the following deliverance was unanimously adopted, That the Synod thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their

valuable services and, with a view to reimburse the members of the Committee the amount expended by them in the performance of their work, instruct the Finance Committee to make such assessment upon all the congregations of the Church, in addition to the scale now in force for the Synod Fund, as will suffice for the purpose; and, so soon as the sums thus assessed come in, to make payment of such expenses in accordance with a list certified by the Convener. The Committee was discharged.

Permission, having been asked, was granted to the Presbytery of Toronto to meet this afternoon at half-past six o'clock, and thereafter by adjournment after the rising of the Synod, to complete the steps necessary to the Induction of the Rev. William Cleland to the charge of W. Gwillimbury and Innisfil.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET VII.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there;—Tuesday, the tenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Duncan Macdonald.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

OVERTURE ANENT APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

There was read an Overture, subscribed by Messrs. James Carmichael (Markham), Adam Spenser and James Wright, praying that Clerks of Presbyteries be appointed a Committee to nominate the several Committees in connection with this Synod;—said Committee to attend to this duty previous to the appointment of Moderator. It was moved by Mr. Carmichael (Markham) and seconded by Mr. Spenser, That the Overture be adopted. To this it was moved in amendment by Mr. James B. Mullan and seconded by Mr. Campbell (Montreal), That the Overture be dismissed. A vote having been taken, the Amendment was carried over the Motion by a majority of 28 to 2; and the Moderator declared accordingly.

MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.*

The annual Report of the Committee appointed to manage the

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Mission to the Lumbermen in the valley of the Ottawa and its tributaries was presented and read by Mr. D. M. Gordon, Convener. It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Jenkins and passed unanimously, That the report be approved; the Committee thanked and reappointed; and five hundred copies of the Report printed for general circulation.

TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

Mr. Ross (Dundee), Convener, presented a report from the Committee appointed to consider the Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Temporalities' Fund. In terms of its recommendations, the Synod unanimously resolved to adopt the Report of the Board—express their satisfaction with the management of the Fund—and thank the Managers for the efficient manner in which they have discharged the duties of their trust.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Mr. John S. Burnet, Convener, read the report of the Committee appointed to consider the Report and accompanying financial statements of the Board of Managers of the Sustentation Fund. The Synod unanimously adopted the following as their deliverance on the subjects embraced therein: Regret to find that there has been so large an accumulation of arrears during the past year, entailing a deduction from both the half-yearly allowances paid to Ministers; enjoin Presbyteries to use all diligence for the more efficient maintenance of this Scheme, more especially with a view to secure payment, not only of the allowances due next July and January, but also of the deficiencies of the past year; trust that the prospect of Union, involving the discontinuance of such a Fund, may not induce to a relaxation of effort to keep up the full efficiency of the Scheme; approve of the amended scale of apportionments to Presbyteries for the ensuing year; and convey their thanks to the Committee, and especially to Mr. Croil, for the very efficient manner in which the Scheme has been managed.

APPORTIONMENTS TO PRESBYTERIES.

The amended scale of apportionments to Presbyteries is as follows, viz.:—

Quebec Presbytery		$ 550 00
Montreal	"	2400 00
Glengary	"	700 00
Perth	"	850 00
Ottawa	"	750 00
Kingston	"	500 00
Toronto	"	1600 00

Victoria Presbytery...	$ 500 00
Hamilton "	800 00
London "	650 00
Saugeen "	350 00
New Richmond.....	50 00
	$9700 00

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.*

The Report of the Committee on Christian Life and Work was called for and read by Mr. Morrison, Convener. The following deliverance was moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Maclennan and passed unanimously; Thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for the very able and exhaustive report now presented; express their thankfulness to Almighty God for the many encouraging facts which it reveals; and in reference to the evils complained of, viz.:—the low spiritual life of certain congregations—the neglect of ordinances on the part of many of the people—the large number over the age of eighteen years living unpledged to a Christian life—the prevalence of certain sins in the country—and the very small share of the labour borne by many of the elders in caring for the souls of the people, the Synod deplore the same and appoint that in the devotional services to-morrow morning humble confession of these evils be made at a throne of grace and prayer be offered up for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Further, the Synod appoint the Moderator in concert with the Committee to issue a Pastoral Letter, bearing on the evils referred to and calling upon their beloved brethren in the Eldership to take a larger share in the work of the Ministry. With regard to the membership of the people and the administration of the sacraments, the Synod resolve to re-affirm the doctrine of the standards touching the same and direct that her Ministers conform thereto as nearly as possible—that in the matter of Baptism they be careful to teach that it is an ordinance for believers only and that the ordinance be held up to the people in a light no less sacred than that of the Lord's Supper—that in reference to the Lord's Supper Ministers and Elders exercise a wise oversight over the flock as to their Christian knowledge and fitness to discern the Lord's body, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that they may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

The Committee were re-appointed with Mr. Morrison as Convener and Mr. Lang, as Vice-Convener.

Permission, having been asked, was granted to the Presbytery of Kingston to meet this day for the transaction of competent business,

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with power to adjourn to meet within their own bounds after the rising of the Synod.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

Mr. Dobie, Convener of the Committee appointed to revise Presbytery records, gave in a report, which was read. Said report is of the following tenor, viz.:—

1. That the Records of the Presbyteries of Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Saugeen have been carefully and correctly kept.
2. That in the Record of the Presbytery of Glengary, the Moderator's signature is wanting on page 339.
3. That in the Record of the Presbytery of Perth, the Moderator's signature is wanting on pages 111, 114, 115, 120, 125, 127.
4. That in the Record of the Presbytery of Ottawa, the dates on the margin of pages 135, 136 are wanting; and the Moderator's signature is wanting on page 140.
5. That in the Record of the Presbytery of Quebec marginal references are wanting.
6. That the Record of the Presbytery of Victoria has not been presented to the Court.

The Synod unanimously decerned in terms of the report and, no other observation having been offered in regard to any of the Records, instructed the Clerk to attest them accordingly.

SYNOD AND COMMISSION RECORDS.

The Synod heard and adopted the report of their Committee appointed to revise the Synod and Commission Records, bearing that the same have been carefully and correctly kept, and instructed their Moderator to attest them accordingly.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO RETIRE.

Mr. James Gordon, Convener of the Committee appointed to consider the applications of Ministers for leave to retire from the active duties of the Ministry, gave in a report. In terms of its recommendations, the Synod unanimously resolved to accede to the application of the Rev. John Tawse, M.A., the Rev. William Bell, M.A. and the Rev. James Sinclair, and permit them to retire from active service in the Ministry, retaining their usual allowances in full from the Temporalities' Fund.

The Synod declined to comply with the request of the Rev. William Johnson, M.A. but agreed to continue his allowance to him for another year.

REPORT ON APPLICATION OF MR. ROSS.

The Examining Committee presented a supplementary report in regard to the application of Mr. Archibald Ross. In terms of its

recommendation, the Synod unanimously agreed to accede to the prayer of the application.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Mr. Mann, in the absence of the Convener, Mr. Lindsay, presented and read a report from the Committee appointed to examine the Report and financial affairs of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. In accordance with its recommendations, the following deliverance was unanimously adopted: Express gratitude to God for the success that has hitherto attended the Scheme; approve of the diligence of the Board: thank Mr. Archibald Ferguson for his careful and unwearied attention to the interests of the Fund; regret that Mr. Hunter, who has so long acted as the efficient Secretary of the Board, has asked to be released from his position; approve of the alterations suggested in Article 13, section 4, and also of the addition to Article 13 recommended by the Managers; regret that so many congregations have failed to contribute and enjoin Presbyteries to urge on Ministers their duty to so important a Fund; recommend the Board to keep a Register of marriages, births and deaths in Ministers' families and require all parties interested to report such things to the Chairman or Secretary; and defer action on the suggestion contained in the Report with reference to the amalgation of our Fund with one to be formed in the Church of the Maritime Provinces.

MISSION TO MANITOBA.*

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee for managing the Mission to Manitoba, which was given in and read by Mr. Macdonnell, Convener. It was moved by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Ross (Chatham) and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive and adopt the Report; record their satisfaction with the harmonious relations which have subsisted between the Synod's Missionary and the Presbytery of Manitoba in connection with the Canada Presbyterian Church; re-appoint the Committee with the addition of Dr. Bain and John L. Morris, Esq.; and authorize them, as they are hereby authorized, to secure as soon as possible the services of at least one additional Missionary for Manitoba. Further, the Synod, with reference to the application of the Rev. Simon McGregor for an additional Missionary for British Columbia, heartily commend it to the favourable consideration of the Committee.

REPORTS ON QUEEN'S COLLEGE.†

Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, in the absence of Principal Snodgrass, presented and read the annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the

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University of Queen's College and also a Report from the Executive Committee appointed to provide a Supplementary Endowment for that Institution. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. McGillivray, seconded by Mr. Mann and passed unanimously, That the Reports be received and adopted; that the Synod record their satisfaction at the improved condition of the College financially and at the increase in the number of Students attending the Institution; declare their confidence in the careful management of its affairs; approve of the efforts to extend its equipment; commend the College anew to the regard and liberality of the membership of the Church; and express their gratification at the supplementary statement made to the effect that the Trustees have been able to secure the services for next Session of two able Lecturers on Pastoral Theology and the relations of Natural Science to Revelation.

SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY SCHEME.*

Dr. Williamson, Convener, read the annual Report of the Committee on the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme. It was moved by Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. Currie and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the Report and thank the Committee for their diligence; record their gratification at the increasing number of candidates for the Ministry; enjoin Presbyteries to see that the congregations within their bounds do their duty in making collections for this important Scheme, more especially in view of the growing demand upon its revenue—it being understood that Sessions, desirous of aiding young men attending Morrin College with a view to enter the Ministry shall, be at liberty to do so; and re-appoint the Committee.

The Synod adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, of which public intimation was made, and this Diet was closed with praise and prayer.

DIET VIII.

At Montreal, and within St. Andrew's Church there; Wednesday, the eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years:—

Which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. G. M. Grant, who, in accordance with the deliverance of yesterday on the Report on Christian Life and Work, led the Synod in confessions of the sins

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which afflict the Church and in supplication for an outpouring of the influences of the Holy Spirit.

The Minutes of yesterday's Diet were read and sustained.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on Statistics, which was presented and read by Mr. Croil, Convener. Whereupon it was moved by Mr. Macdonnell, seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the Report; thank the Committee and especially the Convener; instruct Presbytery Clerks to solicit returns from non-reporting congregations and Presbyteries to deal at the earliest possible date with those which may still be defaulters, so as to secure, if possible, a complete return within two months; order the report, when thus completed, to be printed in the "Presbyterian;" and re-appoint the Committee with instructions to obtain returns hereafter through Conveners of Committees on Statistics in the several Presbyteries—which Committees Presbyteries are hereby enjoined to appoint.

ANSWERS TO MR. MITCHELL'S REASON OF DISSENT.

Dr. Jenkins presented answers to the reason of dissent given in by Mr. Mitchell from the Synod's disposal of the Temporalities' Fund in the event of Union. These answers were read, adopted and ordered to be entered in the Minutes. They are as follows, viz.:—

1. The "original" distribution of the Fund included the sum of two thousand dollars ($2000) a year—equal to a capital sum of thirty-three thousand dollars ($33,000)—as a grant to Queen's College. It is not correct, therefore, in so far as the proposed distribution to Queen's College and to Morrin College, that it is "contrary to the original intention for which this Fund was established."

2. In regard to the proposed appropriation of six-ninths of the Temporalities' Fund to the formation of a Fund for the benefit of Aged and Infirm Ministers of the united Church retired from the active duties of the Ministry with the sanction of said Church, it clearly cannot be deemed "contrary to the original intention for which this Fund was established;" for the reason that even under its present regulations five thousand four hundred dollars ($5400)—representing a capital sum of ninety thousand dollars ($90,000)—are annually expended in the form of a Ministers' Retiring Fund.

3. These considerations meet to a sufficient extent the objections to the proposed distribution of at least eight-ninths of the Fund. The appropriation to devote the remaining one-ninth to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the united Church is virtually an investment for the benefit of Ministers' families, and therefore *not* "contrary to the principle of a partial endowment of the Ministry."

RFPORT ON JUVENILE MISSION.*

The Report on the Juvenile Mission and Sabbath School Scheme having been given in and read, the following deliverance was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Dr. Jenkins and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the Report; thank the Convener and especially the Secretary-Treasurer for their services; invite all schools connected with the Church to contribute to the Mission; instruct the Committee to take steps to secure a sum sufficient for the support of at least one Zenana Teacher; and re-appoint the Committee.

OVERTURE ANENT MINIMUM STIPEND.

There was read an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, praying the Synod to substitute the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) in lieu of four hundred dollars ($400) as the amount of *minimum* stipend in the Act anent the Maintenance of Ministers, passed on May 31, 1861, and re-enacted in Form of Polity, Book IV. cap. 10, section 5. Mr. Croil was heard in support of the Overture. The Synod unanimously resolved to decern in terms of the Overture, pass the same into an Interim Act and send it down to Presbyteries for consideration, with instructions to send up their opinions thereon to next meeting of Synod.

OVERTURE ANENT BETTER SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.

There was also transmitted by the Committee on Bills and Overtures an Overture on the better support of the Ministry, sent up by the Presbytery of Perth. Said Overture is of the following tenor, viz.:—

"In view of the inadequacy in present circumstances of the "stipend paid to most Ministers to support them in a state of "freedom from worldly straits and anxieties proper to the "efficient discharge of their duties, the Synod is hereby over-"tured to take such steps as to its wisdom may seem proper in "order to stir up the congregations connected with it to a more "Scriptural discharge of their duty in this matter—a matter, "in the judgment of the Presbytery, more essential to the "spiritual welfare of the people than even necessary for the "comfort and efficiency of Ministers."

After considerable discussion, the Synod unanimously resolved to instruct Presbyteries to take steps at their first ordinary meeting after the rising of this Court to secure by Presbyterial visitation or otherwise that congregations not only fully implement the promise of pecuniary support made by each to its Minister, but also increase the amount to a rate proportioned to the great advance in the cost of living which has taken place within the past few years, and to the ability of the congregation—said increase to be, if possible, sufficient

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to bring the stipend up to at least the sum of six hundred dollars ($600) just fixed upon as the *minimum* amount of stipend.

MEMORIAL OF THE REV. C. A. TANNER.

There was read a Memorial from the Rev. Charles A. Tanner, craving the Synod to define the *status* which he now occupies in relation to this Church. It was moved by Mr. Campbell (Montreal) seconded by Mr. Mann and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive the Memorial; instruct the Presbytery of Montreal to place Mr. Tanner's name upon their Roll as an Ordained Missionary within their bounds:—it being understood that his right in the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund and in the Sustentation Fund shall be preserved so long as he discharges Ministerial duty in connection with this Synod and pays all the dues demanded by the laws of the Church.

SYNOD FUND.*

The annual Report of the Finance Committee and accompanying financial statements of the Synod Fund were read by Mr. Kenneth Maclennan, Convener. It was moved by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Porteous and passed unanimously, That the Synod receive and adopt the Report; thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, for their diligence; enjoin Presbyteries to give careful attention to the enforcement upon congregations of the payment of the arrears due to this Fund; re-appoint the Committee with the addition of Mr. Campbell (Renfrew); and as the expenditure to be provided for during the current year, in consequence of the resolution of Synod to defray the expenses of the Union Committee, must be much larger than that of past years, the Synod order an assessment to be laid on Presbyteries on the same principle as that in the case of the Sustentation Fund—such assessment to yield a sum of not less than fifteen hundred dollars ($1500).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Clerk presented and read a report from the Committee on References, Complaints and Appeals, stating that the only case submitted to them was a Complaint and Appeal, Burnet *vs.* the Presbytery of Hamilton—that in this case parties were heard—and that after lengthened deliberation the Committee had resolved by a majority of voices to recommend the Synod to dismiss the Appeal.

No objection having been offered to the finding of the Committee, the Synod unanimously resolved to decern in terms thereof.

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ADDRESSES TO THE QUEEN* AND GOVERNOR GENERAL.†

Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen and His Excellency the Governor General were read, adopted and ordered to be transmitted in the usual way.

At the suggestion of Dr. Bain, the Committee on Sabbath Observance were re-appointed with Mr. Smith as Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.‡

Mr. Mackerras presented and read the Report of the Committee on Correspondence with the Colonial Committee. It was moved by Mr. Currie, seconded by Mr. Doudiet and passed unanimously, That the Synod thank and re-appoint the Committee; express their conviction that the Scheme for sending out young men from Scotland and aiding them in the prosecution of their studies at Queen's College is eminently fitted to secure in time a valuable supply of labourers; and record their gratitude to the Colonial Committee for the continued anxiety manifested by them to do all that in them lies to further the prosperity of this Church.

OVERTURE ANENT FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There was read an Overture, subscribed by a large number of members of Synod, in regard to the institution of a Foreign Mission. Said Overture is of the following tenor, viz.:—

> "Whereas, with the exception of the Juvenile Mission, there
> " is no Foreign Mission Scheme in connection with our Church;
> " and whereas the establishment of such a Scheme is practicable,
> " and not only would be conducive but is essential to the life
> " and prosperity of the Church, the Synod is overtured to take
> " the subject of establishing such a Mission into its immediate
> " and earnest consideration."

The Synod, feeling that justice could not be done to so important a subject at this late period of the Session, resolved to defer the consideration of this Overture till next meeting of Synod—then to be taken up at an early stage in the business.

ACT FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.

The Synod renewed the Act for regulating Public Collections as follows:—

The Synod appoint the following Public Collections to be made in all the Churches during the ensuing year, viz.:—

I. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund—on the First Sabbath of January.
II. For the Sustentation Fund—on the First Sabbath of March.
III. For the Mission to Manitoba—on the First Sabbath of May.

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IV. For the French Mission—on the First Sabbath of July.
V. For the Sustentation Fund—on the First Sabbath of September.
VI. For the Scholarship and Bursary Scheme—on the First Sabbath of November.
VII. For the Synod Fund—special collection on the First Sabbath of December.

Provided always that when the Lord's Supper shall be observed on any of the said Sabbaths, or when any of the said Sabbaths shall be deemed unsuitable, then another day may be selected by the Session within two months thereafter; Provided also that congregations preferring to raise their contributions in any other way, as by subscriptions and donations, or to furnish them out of any fund under their control, shall be at liberty to do so.

The Synod takes this opportunity of anew recommending to Kirk-Sessions and Congregations the Schedule system as a systematic and Scriptural method of contributing as the Lord hath prospered them to the advancement of His Kingdom.

All Ministers of the Church are appointed at least to exhort their Congregations, on all the days above specified, to contribute towards the maintenance and spread of the Gospel of Christ; and, on a Sabbath preceding that on which a collection is to be made, to give due intimation from the pulpit, together with such information on the object of it as they may have been able to acquire, The Conveners of the several Committees and Boards for the management of the Schemes herein specified are required to forward, in good time, to all the Ministers, notices of these appointments as they become due, together with such statements as it may be of use and interest to read along with their intimations; and, in particular, the Synod enjoin the several Presbyteries, at their meetings next after the times specified, to enquire into the diligence of all their Ministers and Congregations in this matter, and record reports thereof in their Books, and likewise instruct the Committee of Synod for revising Presbytery Books to notice how far Presbyteries attend to this injunction; and the Synod, while rejoicing at the increased fruits of Christian effort in this Church, yet considering that the means hitherto supplied are quite inadequate to the extent of the field daily opening up to the operations of the Church, and far within what might be expected from the gratitude and love due to a crucified Saviour, earnestly urge on all the people seriously to consider the duty of contributing liberally for the advancement of Christ's cause, according to the ability wherewith God has blessed them. This act shall be annually renewed, with such amendments as the Synod may deem called for, and the expense of printing it for distribution among Ministers shall be borne equally by the several Schemes, and the funds of each Scheme shall be charged with all the expenses of its own management.

REPORT ON THE "PRESBYTERIAN."

Mr. Lang, Convener of the Publication Committee of the "Presbyterian," made a verbal statement in reference to the extraordinary success which had attended this periodical since it became the organ of the Church. The Synod unanimously resolved to thank the Committee, and especially the Editor, Mr. Croil, to whose exertions this success is mainly due; record their approval of the manner in which it has been conducted; express the gratification with which they learn that the circulation is so large and that the paper, notwithstanding the low price at which it is issued, is self-supporting; urge all who have the interests of the Church at heart to renewed efforts to extend the circulation so that it may be read by each family in every congregation within the bounds; and re-appoint the Committee with Mr. Croil as Editor.

SALE OF GLEBE IN W. GWILLIMBURY.

The Clerk produced and read an Extract Minute of the Presbytery of Toronto, embodying an application of the congregation of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil for leave to sell the glebe belonging to that charge and invest the proceeds for the benefit of the Minister. The leave craved was granted.

MEMORIAL FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTREAL.

There was read a Memorial from the congregation of St. John's Church, Montreal, transmitted through the Presbytery of Montreal, craving the Synod to adopt measures for supplying religious ordinances to that charge. The Memorial was referred to the Committee for managing the French Mission Scheme.

MEMORIAL ON TEMPERANCE.

There was next presented a Memorial from the Ontario and Quebec Temperance League, praying the Synod to use their influence in support of measures for the suppression of intemperance. It was moved by Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Mann and passed unanimously, That the Synod, while rejoicing in the success which has attended the efforts put forth not only directly by the various sections of the Church of Christ but also by general Societies and Associations for promoting temperance and suppressing the fearful evils of intemperance, again earnestly urge all under their influence to be diligent and faithful both in testifying against those usages which foster the evils referred to and in setting such an example as may, with the blessing of God, greatly tend to promote temperance in our land.

Permission, having been asked, was granted by the Presbytery of Montreal to meet in St. Mark's Church on the 18th inst., at seven o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Robert Laing, B.A.,

Probationer, and taking Mr. Alexander Campbell, B.A., transferred by the Presbytery of London, on public Probationary trials for license.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORMS OF PROCEDURE.

Dr. Bell, Convener of the Committee on Forms and Styles of Procedure, presented a report. In terms of its recommendation, the following was adopted and ordered to be added to the Rules of Procedure: "In all cases where a Committee shall consist of any number not more than nine, the quorum shall be a majority of each number; where nine or more, the quorum shall be five."

Dr. Jenkins, Messrs. Macdonnell, Lang; John L. Morris, Croil and Browning were added to the Committee; and the Committee were instructed to give special attention to the "Directory of Public Worship," so as to make such suggestions as they may deem advisable with a view to improvement in the form of public worship and report to next meeting of Synod.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

The Synod determined to appoint Thursday, October 16th next, as a day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His abundant mercies and more especially for the harvest of the year.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Mr. Campbell (Montreal), Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, made a supplementary statement. On motion to that effect the Synod resolved as follows, viz:—

"That, inasmuch as information has been laid before the Court at this stage as to the success which has attended the effort of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces to raise a Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the Synod recommend that the Board of management of the Fund of this Church enter into correspondence with the Convener of the Scheme in the Maritime Provinces with the view of obtaining an equitable amalgamation of the two Funds."

The account of the expenses of the Commission, which sat at Whitby, was laid over until next meeting of Synod.

CORRESPONDENTS FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Synod resolved to record the pleasure which they have received from the presence and counsels of the Rev. William McMillan and the Rev. Robert McCunn, Correspondents from the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland; and to express their indebtedness to the Rev. George M. Grant, of Halifax, for the valuable service which by his wise counsels and stirring eloquence he has rendered at the important deliberations of the present meeting.

CORRESPONDENTS TO THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Rev. Duncan Morrison, M.A., the Rev. Gavin Lang, the Rev. Duncan Macdonald, M.A., and the Rev. Walter Ross, M.A. were named Correspondents to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland; and the Clerk was instructed to grant Commissions to any other members of the Court who may desire to attend the ensuing meeting of that Synod.

DEPUTATION TO CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Synod unanimously resolved to appoint, as they hereby do, the Rev. Gavin Lang, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, and the Rev. William M. Black, Minister of St. Mark's Church in the same City, a Deputation to attend the next meeting of the Venerable the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and to express the undiminished attachment cherished by this Church to the Parent Church.

DELEGATES TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Synod appointed the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, the Rev. J. B. Muir and James Croil, Esq., a Deputation to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America at its next annual meeting with instructions to reciprocate the brotherly greetings of the Delegate of that Assembly to this Synod and to express the interest with which they view the prosperity and extension of that large branch of the Presbyterian family of Churches.

COMMISSION OF SYNOD.

The Synod appointed their Commission to meet in St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the Wednesday after the first Tuesday of November next, at noon; in St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, on the Wednesday after the third Tuesday of January next, at noon; and oftener by adjournment when and where the Commission may choose.

Nine Commissioners shall be a quorum, of whom five must be Ministers. In all their actings the Commissioners shall proceed according to the Act of Synod, 1859, anent the nature, powers, and duties of the Commission of the Supreme Court of this Church.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Macdonnell and carried by acclamation, That the thanks of the Synod are due, and are hereby given, to the friends of the Church in Montreal and especially to Andrew Allan, Esq., for their generous hospitality to the members in attendance at this meeting, to Mr. Croil for his diligent and successful efforts to provide for the comfortable accommodation of members, and to the Minister, Elders and Trustees of St. Andrew's Church for the use of the Church and the liberal provision which they have

made for the comfort of the officials and other members of the Court; and the Synod further record their thanks to such Railway and Navigation Companies as have granted to members attending this meeting a reduction in the rates of travel.

The thanks of the Synod were also accorded to the newspapers of this City who have published reports of the proceedings of this Synod and especially to the "Witness" for having furnished a large number of copies daily for the use of members.

The Minutes of this Diet were read and sustained.

CLOSING OF SESSION.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and, after praise and prayer, said—

In the name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the KING and ONLY HEAD of this Church, and in the name of this Synod, I dissolve this meeting, and appoint the next annual meeting of Synod to convene in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the first Tuesday of June, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-four years, at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.

Of which public intimation was made, and the Moderator pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

MEMORANDA FROM PRESBYTERY RECORDS.

FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR 1872–'73.

1872—June 8th.—Lucknow organized by the Presbytery of London into a new congregation.

—— ——The Rev. John M. Macleod declared by the Presbytery of London to be no longer a Minister of this Church.

——19th.—Messrs. John F. Fraser, B.A., and Joseph Gandier, Students of Divinity, licensed by the Presbytery of Kingston to preach the Gospel.

——21st.—Mr. Robert Laing, B.A., Student of Divinity, licensed by the Presbytery of Montreal to preach the Gospel.

July 30th.—Mr. Thomas Hart, M.A., Licentiate, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry and set apart by the Presbytery of Perth as Missionary to Manitoba.

—— ——Mr. Albert Whiting, Licentiate, ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry and set apart by the Presbytery of Perth as Missionary to Lavant, Palmerston, &c.

Sept. 4th.—Parkhill, within the bounds of the Presbytery of London, organized into a new congregation.

——17th.—The Rev. John Bennett, formerly Minister of Three Rivers, inducted by the Presbytery of Perth to the charge of Ramsay.

——18th.—The Rev. Charles A. Tanner, Minister of Sherbrooke, demitted his charge and his demission was accepted by the Presbytery of Quebec.

——27th.—The Rev. Charles A. Doudiet, formerly Minister of St. John's Church, inducted by the Presbytery of Montreal to the Charge of St. Matthew's Church, Montreal.

Oct. 10th.—The Rev. William Anderson, M.A., formerly Minister of Buckingham and Cumberland, inducted by the Presbytery of Saugeen to the charge of Kincardine.

Oct. 29th.—The Rev. Peter Lindsay, B.A., formerly Minister of Caledon and Mono, inducted by the Presbytery of Quebec to the charge of Sherbrooke.

Oct. 30th.—The Rev. J. S. Eakin, B.A., formerly Minister of Kippen, inducted by the Presbytery of London to the charge of Parkhill.

Nov. 5th —The Rev. C. A. Tanner, formerly Minister of Sherbrooke, received by the Presbytery of Montreal as an Ordained Missionary.

——6th.—The Rev. Alexander McKay, M.A., formerly Minister of Lochiel, inducted by the Presbytery of Victoria to the charge of Eldon.

1873—January 27th.—Walkerton, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Saugeen, organized into a new congregation.

Feb. 12th.—The Rev. John Gordon, B.A., formerly Minister of Ramsay, inducted by the Presbytery of Saugeen to the charge of Paisley.

March 5th.—The Rev. James McCaul, B.A., formerly Minister of Melbourne, inducted by the Presbytery of Quebec to the charge of Three Rivers.

April 10th.—The Rev. William T. Wilkins, B.A., formerly Minister of Truro, N.S., inducted by the Presbytery of London to the charge of Stratford.

May 28th.—The Rev. Henry Edmison, M.A., formerly Minister of Nelson and Waterdown, inducted by the Presbytery of Quebec to the charge of Melbourne.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF MANAGERS OF THE TEMPORALITIES' BOARD.

The Board for the management of the Temporalities' Fund beg leave to submit, for the consideration of the Synod, the accompanying statement of their investments together with an abstract of the Treasurer's account for the past year, duly audited, and a list of the names of Ministers presently on the Roll of the Synod in the order of seniority.

In common with other shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada the Board became entitled to subscribe for new stock, at ten per cent premium, to the extent of one share for every two held by the Board on the first of August, 1872. As the Board then held 498 shares, it became entitled to subscribe for 239 shares of $100 each. On this was paid the first instalment of ten per cent, and the premium, ten per cent, making $4780; which was met by the sale of sixteen shares of old stock $1872, added to $3000, the proceeds of matured Harbour Bonds in the Treasurer's hands, as appears from the accompanying financial statement.

There were no other changes of any importance made in the investments during the year, and the Board have the satisfaction of stating that, notwithstanding the scarcity of money and the depression of nearly every kind of stock in the market, the aggregate present value of its investments is considerably in excess of their original cost.

Miss Fisher's legacy, with interest up to the 24th April last, now amounts to $1180.14. It is included in the general statement of investments, and is held in trust for a specific purpose named by the testator.

The Board make thankful acknowledgment of the receipt of an additional legacy of one hundred dollars, generously bequeathed for the benefit of the Synodical Home Mission Fund by the late Mr. Robert Craig, in his lifetime a farmer in the neighbourhood of Middleville.

It is estimated that the revenue of the current year will cover the payments becoming due to *forty-six* non-privileged Ministers in the order of seniority of their admission to the benefits of the Fund, after providing for all prior claims. The names of the remainder of the Ministers' names on the roll of the Synod (at this date forty in number) will be transmitted to the Board for the management of the General Sustentation Fund.

The Rev. John Whyte having been inducted to the Parish of Queensferry, Scotland, since last meeting of the Board, his claims as an annuitant on the Fund have expired.

The thanks of the Board are again due to Messrs. James Mitchell and George Templeton for their valuable services in auditing the accounts of the past year.

The retiring members of the Board are the Rev. John H. Mackerras, the Rev. Gavin Lang; Judge Dennistoun, and Mr. John L. Morris; all of whom are eligible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM DARLING,
Chairman pro tempore.

Montreal, 14th May, 1873.

TEMPORALITIES' BOARD—INVESTMENTS

On the first of May, 1873.

	Par.	Cost.	Int.
462 shares Merchants' Bank.....	$ 46200 00	$ 47921 50	8 p. ct.
10 per cent on 239 shares new do....	2390 00	4780 00	8 "
355 shares City Bank Stock.....	35500 00	40250 52	6 "
Harbour Bonds for.....	89500 00	92218 34	6½ "
Montreal Corporation Bonds.....	236000 00	215024 81	6 "
City of Montreal Stock.....	38500 00	41391 09	7 "
" " "	15000 00	15655 17	6 "
Mortgages.....	1900 00	1900 00	6 "
Uninvested.....	174 33	174 33	
	$465164 33	$459315 76	

JAMES CROIL,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 1st May, 1873.

TEMPORALITIES' BOARD—ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNT, 1872-3.

1872. *Revenue.*

May	3—Interest on $38500 Corporation Stock at 3½ p. ct. for 6 months.....	$1347 50
	Interest on $15000 Corporation Stock at 3 p. ct.	450 00
	6—Interest on $236000 City Bonds at 3 p. ct.....	7080 00
June	4—Dividend City Bank, $35000 at 3 p. ct.....	1065 00
July	2— " Merchants' Bank $47800 at 4 p. ct....	1912 00
	Interest on Harbour Debentures for $88500 at 3½ p. ct. and $4000 at 3½ p. ct. for 6 months.	3016 25
	16—Harbour Bonds matured (Capital).....	3000 00
Oct.	17—Sixteen shares Merchants' Bank sold at 117½, less brokerage $4 (Capital).....	1872 00
Nov.	2—Interest on $236000 City Bonds.....	7080 00
	6— " " 38500 Corporation Stock at 3½ p.ct.	1347 50
	" " 15000 " " " 3 "	450 00
	28— " " Sorel Mortgage.....	24 00
Dec.	2—Dividend, City Bank at 3 p. ct.....	1065 00
	21—St. Matthew's Church Mortgage, 1 year, 6 p. ct.	30 00
1873.		
Jan.	4—Dividend, Merchants' Bank as follows: On $46200 paid up stock at 4 per cent.....	1848 00
	and $2390, first instalment on 239 shares New Stock.....	95 60
	8—Interest on Harbour Debentures, $88,500 at 3½ p. ct., and $1000 at 3½ p. ct.....	2911 25
March	5—Interest on St. Andrew's Church Mortgage, Montreal.....	60 00
	Interest on Bank Account.....	79 27
		$34733 37

APPENDIX A; TEMPORALITIES' FUND.

1872. *Expenditure.*

Balance due Treasurer from last year.....			$ 1 10
July 1—Paid Ministers as per statement...			13608 31
" Queen's College for half year.....			1000 00
" Secretary-Treasurer "			200 00
" Expenses of Members attending Board....			43 80
" Postages and telegrams.....	$6 50		
" Mitchell & Wilson, printing.....	4 50		
" Stationery	2 50		
		13 50	
Dec. 31—Paid Ministers as per statement.....			13750 00
" Queen's College.....			1000 00
" Secretary-Treasurer, 6 months.....			200 00
" Postages $8 70, Printing $6 50.....	15 20		
" Robert Miller, Stationery.....	10 38		
" Share of office rent for 3 months....	25 00		
		50 58	
" W. Bailie, printing in Synod Minutes			19 55
" Merchants' Bank first instalment of 10 p. ct. on 293 shares New Stock, $2339, and 10 per cent. prem., with back interest, $57 09.....			4837 09
Balance			9 44
			$34733 37

JAMES CROIL,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 1st May, 1873.

We have examined the accounts, vouchers and memorandum of investments of the Temporalities' Board for the past year, and hereby certify to the correctness of the same.

GEO. TEMPLETON, }
JAMES MITCHELL, } Auditors.

TEMPORALITIES' BOARD—PAYMENTS TO MINISTERS, 1ST JULY AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1872.

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.	*July.*	*Dec.*
John Cook, D.D.....	$ 225 00	$ 225 00
Duncan Anderson.....	200 00	200 00
James McCaul.....	100 00	100 00
George Weir.....	225 00	225 00
Alexander Forbes.....	100 00	100 00
Peter Lindsay.....	225 00	225 00

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.		
James C. Muir, D.D.	$225 00	$225 00
William Simpson	225 00	225 00
John McDonald	200 00	200 00
F. P. Sym	225 00	225 00
James Patterson	100 00	100 00
William Masson	100 00	100 00
W. C. Clarke	100 00	100 00
John Jenkins, D. D.	100 00	100 00
Donald Ross (Dundee)	100 00	100 00
Robert Campbell	100 00	100 00
Donald Ross (Chatham)	100 00	100 00
Thomas Fraser	225 00	225 00
Hugh Niven	100 00	100 00
PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.		
Thomas McPherson	225 00	225 00
Peter Watson	100 00	100 00
John Davidson	225 00	225 00
James S Mullan	100 00	100 00
George Porteous	100 00	100 00
PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.		
Alexander Mann	225 00	225 00
William Bain, D.D.	225 00	225 00
Solomon Mylne	225 00	225 00
James Wilson	100 00	100 00
Walter Ross	100 00	100 00
John Gordon	100 00	
William Miller	100 00	100 00
PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.		
Robert Neill, D.D.	225 00	225 00
Alexander Buchan	100 00	100 00
James C. Smith	100 00	100 00
Archibald Walker	100 00	100 00
PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.		
James Sinclair	200 00	200 00
W. T. Canning	100 00	200 00
Hugh Cameron	100 00	100 00
Thomas Scott,	225 00	225 00
William Cleland	200 00	200 00
Donald J. McLean	100 00	100 00
Alexander Spence, D.D.	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.		
John Tawse	225 00	225 00
John Brown	200 00	200 00
James Bain	200 00	200 00
William McKee	58 31	
W. E. McKay	$100 00	$100 00
James Carmichael	100 00	100 00
Walter R. Ross	100 00	100 00
Duncan McDonald	100 00	100 00
Alexander McLennan	100 00	100 00
James B. Mullan	100 00	100 00
Joshua Fraser	100 00	100 00
William Aitken	100 00	100 00
Samuel Porter	225 00	225 00
Archibald Colquhoun	225 00	225 00
Alexander Lewis	225 00	225 00
James Stuart	225 00	225 00
William Johnson	225 00	225 00
John Barclay, D.D.	225 00	225 00
Alexander McDonald		100 00
PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.		
David Watson	225 00	225 00
Archibald Currie	100 00	100 00
William White	100 00	100 00
Kenneth McLennan	225 00	225 00
James T. Paul	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.		
George Bell, L.L.D.	225 00	225 00
Robert Burnet	225 00	225 00
M. W. Livingstone	100 00	100 00
James Herald	100 00	100 00
Charles Campbell	100 00	100 00
John Hogg, D.D.	100 00	100 00
William Stewart	100 00	100 00
James B. Muir	100 00	100 00
Robert Dobie	225 00	225 00
R. G. McLaren	100 00	100 00
John Whyte	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.		
William Bell	225 00	225 00
James McEwen	200 00	200 00
John Rannie	100 00	100 00
Hamilton Gibson	225 00	225 00
James Gordon	200 00	200 00
David Camelon	100 00	100 00
James Sieveright	100 00	100 00
Alexander McKid	225 00	225 00
William Barr	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.		
Duncan Morrison	225 00	225 00
PRESBYTERY OF RESTIGOUCHE.		
John Wells	100 00	100 00
Amount including deductions	$13608 31	$13750 00

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 31st December, 1872.

SCHEDULE A.

List of Commuting Ministers to be paid on 1st July, 1873, $225 each.

John Cook, D.D.
James C. Muir, D.D.
Thomas Macpherson, M.A.
John Tawse, M.A.
Robert Neill, D.D.
William Simpson.
Alexander Lewis.
Alexander Mann, M.A.
John Barclay, D.D.
Thomas Scott.
George Bell, L.L.D.
John Davidson.
Thomas Fraser.
Alexander McKid.
William Bain, D.D.
Samuel Porter.
William Barr.
William Bell, M.A.
Alexander Spence, D.D.
James Stuart.
James T. Paul.
Solomon Mylne.
Hamilton Gibson.
Duncan Morrison, M.A.
F. P. Sym.
William Johnson, M.A.
Kenneth McLennan.
David Watson, M.A.
Robert Dobie.
Peter Lindsay, B.A.
Robert Burnet.
George Weir, M.A.

SCHEDULE B.

Privileged Ministers to be paid $200 each on 1st July, 1873.

James Sinclair.
John McDonald.
James McEwan, M.A.
James Gordon, M.A.
William Cleland.
John Brown.
James Bain.
Duncan Anderson, M.A.

Archibald Walker, $100.

SCHEDULE C.

Names of Non-privileged Ministers to receive $200 annually from the Temporalities' Board, if the funds admit, otherwise in order of seniority, so far as the Board may be able to extend their payments.

1856—Peter Watson.....
Wm. E. McKay.....
A. Buchan.....
1857—Hugh Niven.....
William White. 5
James Sieveright .....
William Millar.....
1858—M. W. Livingstone.....
James Herald.....
Charles Campbell.. 10
James Patterson.....
William Masson.....
W. C. Clarke.....
1859—Alexander Forbes.....
John Hogg, D.D.....15
Donald Ross (Dundee)... ..
John Rannie... .....
Wm. T. Canning.....
David Camelon.....
George Porteous.....20
1860—James Carmichael (King)..
William Stewart.....
1861—Walter R. Ross.....
Archibald Currie.....
John Wells..... 25
James S. Mullan.....
1862—Robert Campbell (Montreal)
James Wilson.....
Alexander McLennan.....
James B. Mullan.....30
R. H. McLaren..... ..
Hugh Cameron.....
Walter Ross.....
1863—Donald J. McLean.....
1864—James C. Smith..... ...35
James McCaul..... ...
1865—Duncan McDonald.....
John Gordon... .....
James B. Muir.....
John Jenkins, D.D.....40

SCHEDULE C—*Continued.*

1865—Joshua Fraser.....
Donald Ross, B.D.....
William Aitken..... ....
1866—Alexander McDonald.....
M. W. McLean 45
Wm. Cochrane.....
John S. Lochead.....
Ewen Macaulay.....
Henry Edmison.....
D. J. Macdonnell, B.D....50
1867—Daniel McGillivray.....
Donald Fraser.....
Elias Mullan.....
James A. Murray.....
Alexander McKay... ...55
Daniel M. Gordon, B.D.....
1868—John S. Burnet.....
Adam Spencer.....
Donald Strachan..... ..
Samuel McMorine.....60
Neil Macnish, B.D.....
1869—John Bennett..... ....
Wm. Anderson..... ...
James M. Gray... .....
Joseph Eakin.....65
Charles A. Doudiet.....
George Yeomans.....
Charles A. Tanner.....
William McLennan.....
Donald Macaulay.....70
James Fraser.....
1870—David P. Niven.....
Robert Chambers..... ...
Edward B. Rodgers.....
J. Carmichael (Markham) 75
Gavin Lang.....
1871—Smith Hutcheson.....
W. M. Black.....
P. S. Livingston.....
Robt. Campbell (Renfrew)80
1872—Hugh Lamont, D.D.....
John Ferguson .....
H. J. Borthwick... .....
Francis Nicol.....
1873—Joseph Gandier.....
W. T. Wilkins.....86

APPENDIX B.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL SUSTENTATION BOARD.

The Managers of the General Sustentation Fund have the honour to report to the Synod as follows :—

The whole amount received for the year 1872 is $8231 41, a sum less, the Board regret to say, than the receipts of last year by $738 59, and in consequence of this diminution the half-yearly dividends suffered to a corresponding extent. In July, forty-one ministers were paid at the rate of *ninety-six* dollars each, and in December, *forty* were paid a like sum. The expenses of management, including a share of the office rent, were $366 54 for the year.

From the accompanying detailed statement of receipts, it appears that the following congregations contributed nothing to the Fund during the year ending 31st December, 1872, namely :—

Point Levi, estimated at	$ 50 00
Valcartier, (vacant)	25 00
Ormstown	120 00
Wolfe Island (vacant)	20 00
Whitby	50 00
St. Andrew's, Hamilton	160 00
Dundas	50 00
Bayfield	30 00
Stratford (vacant)	75 00
Paisley	35 00
	$615 00

The following contributed during the year less than was expected of them, leaving the sums placed opposite their names in arrears :—

Melbourne	$25 00
Sherbrooke	25 00
Russeltown	41 86
St. Matthew's, Montreal	25 00
North Williamsburgh	25 00
Lochiel & Dalhousie (vacant)	50 00
Middleville & Dalhousie (vacant in part)	40 00
Buckingham & Cumberland (vacant)	69 00
Seymour	55 00
Uxbridge	15 00
Huntley	10 00
Glencoe	25 00
Kippen	30 00
	$445 86

In all, these deficiencies amount to over *one thousand dollars*, three times the sum needed to have paid the full dividends of $100 in July and December.

The Board respectfully request the Synod to renew its injunctions to Presbyteries to co-operate actively with the Board in maintaining this important Fund in a state of efficiency, and to deal with such congregations as have withheld support from it, either by, in their case, reverting to the plan formerly authorized by the Synod in connection with the Synodical Home Mission Fund, or otherwise, as to its wisdom may seem best.

Accompanying this report are the usual financial statements, audited by Messrs. James Mitchell and George Templeton, and which are certified to be correct.

The Board recommend the same scale of appropriation to the several Presbyteries of the amount required for the current year as that agreed upon at last Synod, namely :—

Quebec	$ 600 00
Montreal	2400 00
Glengary	750 00
Perth	850 00
Ottawa	900 00
Kingston	600 00
Toronto	1400 00
Victoria	500 00
Hamilton	800 00
London	750 00
Saugeen	450 00
Congregation of New Richmond	50 00
	$10050 00

The retiring members of the Board are Mr. James Croil and the Rev. George Bell, LL.D., who are eligible for re-election.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D.,
Chairman.

Montreal, 2nd June, 1873.

GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

Congregational Contributions for half-year ending 1st July and 31st December, 1872.

PRESBYTERIES.	July.	December	Total.	
QUEBEC.	$	$	$	
Quebec	125 00	125 00	250 00	
Point Levi	.....	.....	.....	
Valcartier	.....	.....	.....	
Melbourne	50 00	.....	50 00	
Three Rivers	50 00	25 00	75 00	
Sherbrooke	25 00	.....	25 00	
				400 00
MONTREAL.				
Georgetown	12 00	73 00	85 00	
Lachine	30 00	34 50	64 50	
Huntingdon	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Beechridge	* 12 50	12 50	25 00	
Beauharnois	20 00		20 00	
Hemmingford	37 50	25 00	62 50	
Russeltown	8 14	.....	8 14	
Ormstown	.....	.....	.....	
St. Paul's, Montreal	300 00	300 00	600 00	
St. Matthew's, "	.....	25 00	25 00	
Chatham & Grenville	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Dundee	50 00	* 30 00	80 00	
St. Gabriel's, Montreal	100 00	100 00	200 00	
Laprairie	.....	.....	.....	
Elgin & Athelstane	32 50	40 00	72 50	
St. John's, Montreal	10 00	.....	10 00	
St. Andrew's, "	300 00	300 00	600 00	
St. Mark's, "	25 00	37 50	62 50	
				2052 64
GLENGARY.				
Cornwall	75 00	65 00	140 00	
Lancaster	* 40 00	40 00	80 00	
Williamsburgh	25 00	.....	25 00	
Finch	24 50	32 50	57 00	
Lochiel	50 00	.....	50 00	
Martintown	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Osnabruck	40 00	37 50	77 50	
Cote St. George	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Matilda	25 00	* 25 00	50 00	
Williamstown	28 50	40 00	68 50	
				593 00

APPENDIX B; GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

PRESBYTERIES.	July.	December	Total.	
PERTH.	$	$	$	
Perth	80 00	80 00	160 00	
Smith's Falls	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Lanark	35 00	35 00	70 00	
Beckwith	20 00	55 00	75 00	
Middleville	.....	40 00	40 00	
Brockville	50 00	54 00	104 00	
Ramsay	.....	100 00	100 00	
McNab & Horton	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Pakenham	25 00	25 00	50 00	
				759 00
OTTAWA.				
Huntley	45 00	.....	45 00	
Oxford	16 00	* 13 90	29 90	
Richmond	.....	.....	.....	
Ottawa	125 00	125 00	250 00	
L'Orignal	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Buckingham	11 00	.....	11 00	
Mountain & South Gower	12 00	18 00	30 00	
Chelsea	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Spencerville	20 00	20 00	40 00	
Arnprior	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Ross & Westmeath	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Plantaganet	3 25	7 00	10 25	
Litchfield	15 00	.....	15 00	
Coulonge	12 50	.....	12 50	
				679 75
KINGSTON.				
Seymour	20 00	.....	20 00	
Stirling	25 81	25 81	51 62	
Wolfe Island	.....	.....	.....	
Kingston	112 50	112 50	225 00	
Pittsburgh	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Belleville	45 84	45 84	91 78	
Roslin & Thurlow	21 35	35 25	56 60	
				494 90
TORONTO.				
King	.....	15 00	15 00	
Toronto	100 00	100 00	200 00	
Newmarket	12 50	10 00	22 50	
Scarboro'	52 00	104 50	156 50	
Gwillimbury & Innisfil	35 00	35 00	70 00	
Orangeville	25 00	25 00	50 00	
West King	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Whitby	.....	.....	.....	
Pickering	35 00	35 00	70 00	
Vaughan	40 00	40 00	80 00	
East Nottawasaga	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Darlington	30 00	25 00	55 00	
Erin	30 00	30 00	60 00	
Georgina	20 00	20 00	40 00	

Appendix B; General Sustentation Fund.

PRESBYTERIES.	July.	December	Total.	
TORONTO—*Continued.*	$	$	$	
Markham	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Uxbridge	.....	15 00	15 00	
Mulmur & Tossorontio	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Caledon	30 00	* 12 00	42 00	
Fergus	60 00	40 00	100 00	
West Nottawasaga	40 00	40 00	80 00	
Osprey & Dunedin	.....	20 00	20 00	
				1304 00
VICTORIA.				
Thorah	50 00	42 50	92 50	
Peterboro'	50 00	42 50	92 50	
Eldon	9 00	42 50	51 50	
Brock	37 50	35 00	72 50	
Port Hope	12 50	20 00	32 50	
Clarke	.....	20 00	20 00	
Lindsay	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Balsover	.....	20 00	20 00	
Dummer	4 00	8 00	12 00	
Fenelon	.....	7 50	7 50	
				451 00
HAMILTON.				
Clifton	27 50	27 50	55 00	
Hamilton	.....	.....	.....	
Simcoe	20 00	20 00	40 00	
Dundas	.....	.....	.....	
Niagara	20 00	20 00	40 00	
Guelph	75 00	75 00	150 00	
Hornby	.....	10 00	10 00	
Nelson & Waterdown	37 50	37 50	75 00	
Galt	50 00	50 00	100 00	
†Woolwich	10 00	10 00	20 00	
Milton	12 00	9 00	21 00	
				511 00
LONDON.				
North Easthope	20 00	20 00	40 00	
Westminster	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Chatham	42 50	42 50	85 00	
Bayfield	.....	.....	.....	
Stratford	.....	.....	.....	
N. Dorchester	17 00	18 00	35 00	
Glencoe	25 00	.....	25 00	
London	50 00	50 00	100 00	
Goderich	25 00	25 00	50 00	
Kippen	30 00	.....	30 00	
East Oxford	.....	.....	.....	
East Williams	30 00	30 00	60 00	
				475 00

Appendix B; General Sustentation Fund.

PRESBYTERIES.	July.	December	Total.	
SAUGEEN.	$	$	$	
Paisley	.....	.....	.....	
Owen Sound	.....	80 00	80 00	
Priceville	35 00	35 00	70 00	
Mount Forest	.....	.....	.....	
Kincardine	.....	30 00	30 00	
Leith & Johnson	35 00	35 00	70 00	
				250 00
New Richmond	25 00	25 00		50 00
Rev. C. A. Tanner	.....	25 00		25 00
Interest on Bank Account	11 36	15 80		27 16
Balance from last year	154 02	4 94		158 96
	$4107 77	$4123 64		$8231 41

†$20 additional received from Woolwich after closing the account.

NOTE.—The sums marked with an asterisk were received too late to be available for the half-year for which they were intended. They are not included in the *addition* of these columns, and are at the credit of the account for the current half-year.

GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

Abstract of Account for the year ending 31st December, 1872.

Receipts.

1872.				
May	4—To Balance from last year		$ 154 02	
	To Congregational Contributions, Donations, and Interest, per detailed statement		3953 75	
				4107 77
Dec.	31—To Balance from last half-year		4 94	
	To Congregational Contributions, per statement		4118 70	
				4123 64
	Total			$8231 41

Contra.

1872.				
July	1—By Paid equal dividend to 41 Ministers, at the rate of $96 each		$4001 33	
	" Secretary's Salary, 6 months		96 00	
	" Printing and Postages		5 50	
	" Balance		4 94	
				4107 77
Dec.	31— " Paid equal dividend to 40 Ministers, each at the rate of $96		3840 00	
	" Secretary's Salary, 6 months		200 00	
	" Share of office expenses		25 00	
	" Bailie, printing in Synod Minutes		18 85	
	" Mitchell & Wilson, printing		5 50	
	" Postages		7 00	
	" Stationery		3 75	
	" Balance to carry to next half-year		23 54	
				4123 64
				$8231 41

JAMES CROIL,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 31st Dec., 1872.

Examined and found correct.

JAMES MITCHELL, }
GEO. TEMPLETON, } *Auditors.*

APPENDIX B; GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

GENERAL SUSTENTATION FUND.

Payments to Ministers 1st July and 31st December, 1872.

	July.	Dec.
Alexander McDonald	$96 ..	$
M. W. McLean	96 ..	96 ..
William Cochrane	96 ..	96 ..
John S. Lochead	96 .	96 ..
Ewan Macaulay	96 ..	96 ..
Henry Edmison	96 ..	96 ..
D. J. Macdonnell, B.D	96	96 ..
John M. McLeod	85 33	
Daniel McGillivray	96 ..	96 ..
Donald Fraser	96 ..	96 ..
Elias Mullan	96 ..	96 ..
James A. Murray	96 ..	96 ..
Alexander McKay	96 ..	96 ..
Daniel M. Gordon, B.D	96 ..	96 ..
John S. Burnet	96 ..	96 ..
Adam Spencer	96 ..	96 ..
Donald Strachan	96 ..	96 ..
Samuel McMorine	96 ..	96 ..
Neil McNish, B.D	96 ..	96 ..
John Bennett	96 ..	96 ..
William Anderson	96 ..	96 ..
James M. Gray	96 ..	96 ..
Joseph Eakin	96 ..	96 ..
C. A. Doudiet	96 ..	96 ..
George A. Yeomans	96 ..	96 ..
C. A. Tanner	96 ..	96 ..
William McLennan	96 ..	96 .
Donald Macaulay	96 ..	96 ..
James Fraser	96 ..	96 ..
D. P. Niven	96 ..	96 ..
Robert Chambers	96 ..	96 ..
Edward B. Rodgers	96 ..	96 ..
James Carmichael	96 ..	96 ..
Gavin Lang	96 ..	96 ..
Smith Hutcheson	96 ..	96 ..
W. M. Black	96 ..	96 ..
P. S. Livingston	96 ..	96 ..
Robert Campbell	96 ..	96 ..
Hugh Lamont, D.D	88 ..	96 ..
Francis Nicol	96 ..	96 ..
Hugh J. Borthwick	96 ..	96 ..
John Ferguson		96 ..
Neil McDougall	84 ..	
	$4001 33	$3840 00

JAMES CROIL,
Treasurer.

Montreal, 31st Dec., 1872.

List of Ministers to be paid $100 *each from the General Sustentation Fund on the* 1st *July,* 1873, *if the funds permit.*

John S. Lochead.....
Ewan Macaulay.....
Henry Edmison.....
D. J. Macdonnell, B.D.....
5 Daniel McGillivray.....
Donald Fraser.....
Elias Mullan.....
James A. Murray.....
Alexander McKay.....
10 Daniel M. Gordon, B.D.....
John S. Burnet.....
Adam Spencer.....
Donald Strachan.....
Samuel McMorine.....
15 Neil McNish, B.D.....
John Bennett.....
William Anderson.....
James M. Gray.....
Joseph Eakin.....
20 Charles A. Doudiet.....
George Yeomans.....
Charles A. Tanner.....
Wm. McLennan.....
Donald Macaulay.....
25 James Fraser.....
David P. Niven.....
Robert Chambers.....
Edward B. Rodgers.....
James Carmichael (Markham).
30 Gavin Lang.....
Smith Hutcheson.....
W. M. Black.....
P. S. Livingston.....
Robert Campbell (Renfrew)...
35 Hugh Lamont, D.D.....
John Ferguson.....
H. J. Borthwick.....
Francis Nicol.....
Joseph Gandier.....
40 W. T. Wilkins.....

JAMES CROIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 2nd June, 1873.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

In their report to the last meeting of Synod the Trustees expressed their apprehension that the ordinary expenditure this year would be in excess of the revenue. This would certainly have been the case but for a donation of £200 stg. ($968.89), the second of the same amount, within two years, most generously placed at our disposal by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. It appears from the Treasurer's financial statements, herewith submitted, that the revenue has been, by $531.44, more than equal to the demands made upon it, although a sense of duty constrained the Board to increase the current expenditure, by raising the salary of Professor Dupuis from $1000 to $1400. It will be seen from statement No. 1 that the general expenses, exclusive of salaries, amounted to only $711.82.

The total amount collected under the Endowment Scheme is $100,409.46. This includes $6669.84 received for revenue, and $827.05, disbursed for expenses in prosecuting the Scheme. The whole sum realized for capital is, therefore, $92,912.57, which is subject, as noticed in the two last preceding reports, to a debt of $7807.90, incurred by meeting deficits in revenue for the years 1869-71.

Although the College is not now labouring under the pressure of pecuniary embarrassment, its financial position cannot, by any means, be said to be easy. The curtailment of ordinary expenses, for some time unavoidable, cannot without detriment be any longer continued. It is impossible, without borrowing, to which the Trustees are averse, to introduce any of the numerous improvements which appear to them to be desirable. Apart from the augmentation of salaries, a subject which claims serious attention, funds are required for apparatus of various kinds, for the fitting up of the Library and adding to its contents, for improvements in the Convocation Hall and on the grounds around the College, while a separate building for a gymnasium and place of resort, to be used by the students during vacant hours or intervals between classes, would be a very great convenience and advantage. The formation of a prize fund is also an object to be aimed at, because it might both afford relief to the general expenditure and be the means of procuring prizes of greater value than can be given at present. The Trustees have pleasure in stating that several special donations for class prizes were made by graduates during the past session. To the alumni of former years, now in a position to encourage their successors, this should commend itself as an excellent way of showing their interest in the prosperity and usefulness of their *Alma Mater*, and it is hoped that the spirited beginning which has been made will be largely extended in future years. Having barely mentioned a number of purposes for which money is urgently needed,

the Trustees invite assistance and willingly give their assurance that contributions shall be faithfully expended according to the wishes of donors.

The Trustees have much satisfaction in reporting that through the exertions mainly of one of their number, the Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of Toronto, the valuable services of A. Melville Bell, Esq., formerly Professor of Elocution in University College, London, were secured for several weeks before the Christmas holidays. All the students eagerly availed themselves of Professor Bell's instructions in the art of reading and derived much benefit from them. The arrangement cost $500, but the money was raised in Toronto and Kingston, so that there was no charge to the College on account of it. The Trustees solicit the attention of the friends of the College to the importance of providing for such services in future sessions. It was proposed to have one or two special courses of lectures in the Theological department, similar to those which the General Assembly of the Parent Church, through the liberality of one or two gentlemen, was enabled at its last meeting to institute at the Scottish Universities; but various causes operated adversely to the success of this proposal. The subject has engaged the attention of the Board and it is hoped that something effectual will be done next session in reference to it.

Mr. John Watson, Master of Arts of Glasgow University, at the beginning of the session entered upon his duties as Professor of Logic, Metaphysics, and Ethics, and his manner of discharging them, the Trustees rejoice to say, has corresponded satisfactorily with his unusually high reputation as a qualified teacher of Philosophy.

James Rnssell, Esq,, of Hamilton, Ontario, has contributed $150 to begin the foundation of a scholarship of the annual value of $50, to be competed for by Matriculants of the fourth year in Arts, at a special examination in writing on the subject of Bible History; and the unknown, generous friend, in one of the Maritime Provinces, who two years ago sent $400, and last year $200, has this year contributed $200 for the Dominion Scholarship, which, by his request, is open to students in Theology belonging to any Presbyterian Church.

Last year the number of registered students was 39, of whom 23 had the Ministry in view. This year the corresponding numbers are 50 and 29, of whom there were 10 in the Theological Hall. It deserves to be noticed, as being a most unusual occurrence, that of the undergraduates of 1871-2 none failed to return this session. In the affiliated Institutions, namely, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Kingston Collegiate Institute, the numbers in attendance are respectively 50 and 82.

All which is respectfully submitted, in the name and by the appointment of the Board of Trustees.

JOHN HAMILTON,
Chairman.

Queen's College, 24th April, 1873.

No. 1—STATEMENT OF ORDINARY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE AT KINGSTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1873.

REVENUE.			EXPENDITURE.		
			Salaries.		
Grant from Colonial Committee of Church of Scotland	$1460 00		The Principal	$2200 00	
Temporalities' Board	2000 00		Prof. Williamson,	1600 00	
Dividends on Bank Stock	2392 00		" Mowat	1500 00	
Kingston Observatory	500 00		" Mackerras	1400 00	
Fees—Graduation	121 50		" Dupuis	1400 00	
Interest on Mortgages, Government Securities, Debentures and Bank Deposits	5280 56		" Ferguson	1400 00	
Subscriptions, Donations, &c., viz.:			" Watson	1400 00	
Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, £200 Stg.	$968 89		Registrar & Sec'y to Senate	50 00	
Canada	200 00		Sec'y & Treasurer	400 00	
Interest on subscription to Endowment Fund	50 01		Librarian	80 00	
	1218 90		Janitor	300 00	
					11730 00
			Insurance	145 00	
			Repairs	13 68	
			Taxes on City Lots	28 80	
			Prize Books	58 44	
			Travelling exp's,	20 00	
			Advertising	44 54	
			Printing and Stationery	94 97	
			Rent of Janitor's dwelling	60 00	
			Tinsmith & Plumber work, Oil, &c	18 99	
			Fuel	175 00	
			Cleaning Rooms	6 40	
			Postages, Telegrams and sundry small disbursements	25 87	
			Water Rent	15 01	
			Line Fence, half expense	4 12	
			Search, Registry Office	1 00	
					711 82
			Balance (surplus)		531 14
	$12972 96				$12972 96

Queen's College, Kingston, 21st April, 1873.

W. IRELAND, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

Certified as correct, as per separate report.

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JOHN CREIGHTON, } *Auditors.*

Kingston, 22nd April, 1873.

No. 2—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE AT KINGSTON, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Balances—Endowment Funds in Merchants' Bank 10th April, 1872		$6911 32	
General Funds in do. 10th April, 1872,		926 35	
			$7837 67
Colonial Committee Grant, 1872		1460 00	
Temporalities' Board		2000 00	
Bank Dividends, viz.:—12 months dividends on 260 shares Merchants' Bank Stock at 8 per cent	$2080 00		
6 months dividends on 6 instalments of 10 per cent. paid on 130 shares of new stock in Merchants' Bank, 4 per cent. on $7800	312 00		
		2392 00	
Interest—On Mortgages	$1593 87		
On Bank Deposits	371 19		
On Dominion Stock	594 00		
On Debentures,	1569 13		
On Montreal City Stock	637 00		
From Professors, *et al*	515 37		
	$5280 56		
Less unpaid	293 00		
		4987 56	
Fees—Registration and Graduation		387 50	
Kingston Observatory		500 00	
Scholarships and Prize Essays, as per statement No. 4		1448 25	
Mortgages—Paid by G. Neilson	$1000 00		
Thomas Dunn	240 00		
		1240 00	
Rev. A Lewis—Interest on Scholarship		18 00	
Toronto Building Society—Arrears Interest		265 00	
Young Men's Christian Association do.		54 00	
Endowment Fund—Receipts		8380 34	
Subscriptions and Donations to Revenue—Colonial Committee of Church of Scotland, £200 Stg.	$968 89		
John Watkins, Esq	200 00		
Interest on Subscriptions to Endowment Fund	50 01		
		1218 90	
			24351 55
			$32189 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries as per Statement No. 1		$11730 00	
Disbursements as per Statement No. 1		711 82	
			$12441 82
Fees—Registration, paid Treasurer of Library		196 00	
Apparatus, paid Professor of Natural Philosophy		40 00	
Apparatus, paid Professor of Chemistry		30 00	
			266 00
Scholarships and Prize Essays as per Statement No. 4			1520 00
Rev. A. Lewis, paid E. D. McLaren, "Lewis Prize"			25 00
Students for the Ministry—Class Fees returned			25 00
Endowment Fund—Travelling expenses,	$13 90		
Bank Agency	0 75		
Printing	14 00		
Investigating Title.	5 00		
Postages	2 44		
Transferred to Revenue	1218 90		
		1254 99	
Invested in Debentures—County of Drummond		2850 00	
Deposited with the T. P. B. Society		320 00	
Paid on account of 130 shares of new stock as follows:—			
10 per cent. prem. on $13,000	$1300 00		
7 instalments of 10 per cent. on $13,000	9100 00		
		10400 00	
In Bank	760 13		
Less to be transferred to General Funds account	13 46		
		746 67	
			15571 66
In Merchants' Bank—General Fund		2326 28	
Add to be transferred from Endowment Fund		13 46	
			2339 74
			$32189 22

Queen's College, Kingston, 21st April, 1873.

W. IRELAND,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Kingston, 22nd April, 1873.

No. 3—BALANCE SHEET, SHOWING THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE ON 10TH APRIL, 1837.

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Royal Charter, cost of			$ 3107 37
Class apparatus			3633 92
Library—Expenditure on			3899 68
Furniture account			1429 09
College Premises			41740 61
Bank Stock—			
160 shares Merchants' Bank Stock at par	$16000 00		
100 " " " at 7 per cent	10700 00		
130 " " " New Stock, at 10 per cent. prem.	$14300 00		
Less 3 instalments of 10 per cent. each, not yet due	3900 00		
		10400 00	
			37100 00
Dominion Stock, viz.:—			
Leitch Memorial Funds	$2400 00		
Michie Bequest	2000 00		
College Funds	7900 00		
Prince of Wales Scholarship	400 00		
Mowat Scholarship	200 00		
			12900 00
Montreal Public Property Stock			10010 00
Debentures, viz.:—			
County of Frontenac	$3000 00		
Township of Thorah	4000 00		
" " Caledon	3500 00		
" " Mono	3000 00		
" " Brock	2500 00		
" " Eldon	2500 00		
" " Bexley	3000 00		
" " Sommerville	3000 00		
County of Drummond	3000 00		
			27500 00
Bills Receivable			600 00
Lands—100 acres W. ½ 19, 2nd Con. Marmora	$300 00		
100 " E. ½ 21, 11th Con. Belmont	300 00		
			600 00
Jonathan R. Trumpour			160 00
Mortgages on Real Estate, viz.:—			
A. J. Macdonnell	$4586 55		
D. McMillan	150 00		
T. McMahon	200 00		
John Morton	400 00		
Samuel Woods, *et al*, Trustees	675 00		
Small & Livingston	1900 00		
Alexander McIsaacs	175 00		
Archibald Ferguson	6000 00		
J. R. Trumpour	4000 00		
Thomas Raworth, Mowat Scholarship	450 00		
Jeremiah Foley	1300 00		
Carried forward	$19836 55	142180 67	

Brought forward	$19836 55	142180 67	
Alexander Smyth	600 00		
J. Jardine, Prince of Wales Scholarship	300 00		
George Raworth	1200 00		
Absalom Greely	3000 00		
J. L. Silver	400 00		
		25336 55	
Archibald Livingston		199 50	
Toronto Ladies' Scholarship—3 shares B. Stock	$300 00		
Kingston " " " "	300 00		
		600 00	
Toronto Freehold P. B. and Savings Society		5020 69	
Merchants' Bank Endowment Fund Account		760 13	
Merchants' Bank, General Funds		2326 28	
		$176423 82	

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Endowment New Chair in Theology	$ 1163 22
Michie Bequest	2000 00
Rev. Alexander Lewis	400 00
Henry Glass, Memorial Scholarship	500 00
Funds for Investment	3022 96
Bursary Endowment	2309 75
Leitch Memorial Funds	2462 03
Students in Divinity	155 00
Queen's College Endowment Fund	92912 57
Scholarships	1714 23
Profit and Loss	69784 06
	$176423 82

Queen's College, Kingston, 21st April, 1873.

W. IRELAND,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Kingston, 22nd April, 1873.

No. 4—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZE ESSAYS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 10th April, 1872, as per account				$1785 98
Dominion	Scholarship		$200 00	
Cataraqui	do.		50 00	
Leitch Memorial	do.	No. 2	86 40	
Mowat	do.		50 00	
Prince of Wales	do.		48 00	
Allan	do.		100 00	
Leitch Memorial	do.	No. 1	57 60	
Russell	do.		50 00	
Campbell	do.		80 00	
St. And'w's, Scotl'd,	do.		36 51	
Kingston Ladies'	do.		24 00	
Toronto Ladies'	do.		24 00	
Hy. Glass Memorial	do.		20 00	
Watkins	do.		80 00	
St. Paul's	do.	No. 1	60 00	
Hardy	do.		50 00	
Synod	do.	No. 1	80 00	
Aberdeen University	do.		48 41	
Synod	do.	No. 4	60 00	
Colonial Committee Grant for Scholarships			243 33	
				1448 25
				$3234 23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Prize Essays—Paid Principal for Prizes			$48 00	
Dominion	Scholarship—E. D. McLaren		65 00	
Col. Committee	do. No. 1	J. Cormack	50 00	
Col. Committee	do. No. 3	R. J. Craig	55 00	
Cataraqui	do.	W. J. Gibson	50 00	
Col. Committee	do. No. 4	J J. Cameron	50 00	
Col. Committee	do. No. 5	A. H. Cameron	60 00	
Leitch Memorial	do. No. 2	M. McGillivray	80 00	
Leitch Memorial	do. add'l	No. 2 J. L. Stuart	80 00	
Mowat	do.	H. Cameron	50 00	
Prince of Wales	do.	for Prize	60 00	
Allan	do. 1st h'lf	J. A. Lindsay	25 00	
Leitch Memorial	do. No. 1	G. Claxton	57 00	
Russell	do.	R. Shaw	50 00	
Campbell	do.	J. M. Duff	80 00	
St. Andrew's, Scot.,	do.	J. Mordy	50 00	
Kingston Ladies'	do.	D. McIntyre	35 00	
Hy. Glass Memorial	do.	A. McMurchy	35 00	
Watkins	do.	P. A. Macdonald	80 00	
St. Paul's	do. No. 1	J. G. Stuart	60 00	
Hardy	do.	W. Mundell	50 00	
Synod	do. No. 1	T. D. Cumberland	80 00	
Aberdeen Univ'sty	do.	W. Donald	50 00	
Synod	do. No. 2	J. J. Craig	80 00	
Synod	do. No. 3	W. A. Laing	80 00	
Synod	do. No. 4	P. C. McNee	60 00	
				1520 00
Balance				1714 23
				$3234 23

Queen's College, Kingston, 21st April, 1873.

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Kingston, 22nd April, 1873.

No. 5—STATEMENT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 10TH APRIL, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received to 10th April, 1869	$21255 83	
From April, 1869, to 10th April, 1870	33166 73	
From April, 1870, to 10th April, 1871	22786 66	
From April, 1871, to 10th April, 1872	14819 90	
Total received to 10th April, 1872		$92029 12
Deduct expenses to 10th April, 1872, as per statements	$ 790 96	
Transfers to Revenue to 10th April, 1872	5450 94	
	6241 90	
		$85787 22
Received from 10th April, 1872 to 10th April, 1873		8380 34
		$94167 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

From 10th April, 1872, to 10th April, 1873.

Travelling Expenses	$ 13 90	
Printing	14 00	
Investigating Titles	5 00	
Postages	2 44	
Bank Agency	0 75	
Transferred to Revenue Account for Subscriptions and Interest on Subscriptions	1218 90	
	1254 99	
Balance	92912 57	
		$94167 56

Accounted for as follows:—

City of Mont'l Stock, 91 shares at 10 per cent. prem.		$10010 00
County of Frontenac Debentures, $3000, at 5 per cent. discount		2850 00
Township of Thorah Debentures, $2000, at 8¼ per cent. discount		1835 00
Township of Thorah Debentures, $2000, at 8 per cent. discount		1840 00
53 Shares Merchants' Bank Stock at par		5300 00
100 " " " " at 7 per cent. prem		10700 00
130 Shares Merchants' Bank Stock at 10 per cent. prem	$14300 00	
Less 3 instalments not yet due	3900 00	
		10400 00
Township of Caledon Debentures, $3500, at 5 per cent. discount		3325 00
Township of Mono Debentures, $3000, at 5 per cent. discount		2850 00
Township of Brock Debentures, $2500, at 6 per cent. discount		2850 00
Township of Eldon Debentures, $2500, at 4½ per cent. discount		2387 50
Township of Bexley Debentures, $3000, at 3½ per cent. discount		2895 00
Township of Sommerville Debentures, $3000, at 3½ per cent. discount		2895 00
County of Drummond Debentures, $3000, at 5 per cent. discount		2850 00
Mortgages—A. Ferguson, at 7 per cent.		6000 00
A. McIsaacs, at 7 per cent.		175 00
J. R. Trumpour, at 8 per cent.		4000 00
J. Foley, at 7½ per cent.		1300 00
A. Smyth, at 7 per cent.		600 00
Geo. Raworth, at 7½ per cent.		1200 00
Absalom Greeley, at 8 per cent.		3000 00
J. L. Silver, at 8 per cent.		400 00
Bills Receivable—Charles Rogers, Toronto		100 00
Robert Hay, Toronto		500 00
Invested in College Buildings		5747 35
Deposited in Toronto P. B. Society		5020 69
		$90530 54
Lent College	$1660 36	
Less Repaid	25 00	
	$1635 36	
In Merchants' Bank	$760 13	
Deduct to be transferred to General Ac't.	13 46	
	746 67	
		2382 03
		$92912 57

Queen's College, Kingston, 21st April, 1873.

W. IRELAND, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

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Kingston, 22nd April, 1873.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENDOWMENT OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The total sum of receipts at this date is $100632.46. This includes contributions to the ordinary revenue of the College, amounting to $6669.84, and expenses incurred by the prosecution of the Scheme to $827.05. Deducting these two amounts from the aggregate of receipts, the whole sum realized for capital is shown to be $93135.57. This however, as reported last year, is subject to a debt of $7807.90, caused by shortcomings in revenue for the years 1869–71.

The whole decrease of income since the suspension of the Commercial Bank, given in detail in the last report of the Committee is $7030.00. To take its place the College is now in receipt of an annual revenue of $6106 from securities purchased by funds collected under the Endowment Scheme. While this result is exceedingly gratifying it is yet inadequate. It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that the interest hitherto taken in the Scheme will not stop short of a complete restoration of the former financial position. Friends responsible for subscriptions not yet paid are particularly urged to discharge their obligations without delay. By so doing they will add from $500 to $600 to the revenue.

The last report of the Committee contained such full information respecting the progress of the Scheme that it is deemed unnecessary to enter into details on the present occasion.

All which is respectfully submitted by

W. SNODGRASS,
Convener.

31st May, 1873.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON MORRIN COLLEGE.

The Governors of Morrin College respectfully report to the Venerable the Synod of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, that the attendance during the Session of 1872–'73 was as follows:—

Students of Divinity	2
Do. in Arts—of whom four are preparing for the Church	9
Do. attending Evening Classes in French, German, Mathematics	38
Do. in Chemistry	60
Ladies' Classes in Physical Geography, History and English Literature	66
Total number of Students	175

One Student received the degree of B.A. in McGill University and two passed the Intermediate Examination.

By an additional grant of $1000 from the Provincial Government, the Governors were able to engage the valuable services of Mr. George Dauson as Lecturer in Chemistry—to open the Evening Classes and the Ladies' Classes, mentioned above, and to employ two tutors, one in Classics and the other in Mathematics to bring on Students deficient in preparatory training. The attendance on the Evening Classes has been very encouraging and seems to shew that the College may be extensively useful, though the number of Students pursuing a strictly academical course should be but small.

The Governors regret that the only aid to the Bursary Fund has been from St. Andrew's Church, Quebec.

JOHN COOK, D.D.,
Principal.

Quebec, 26th May, 1873.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Board of Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund beg respectfully to submit to the Synod their Report for the Synodical year just ended. From the statement of the Treasurer, herewith presented, it will be perceived that the Fund is in a condition of prosperity, that must be highly gratifying to the Synod. The amount received from Congregations is considerably in excess of what was ever received in a single year before, from this source, being $2420.90, against $2082.45 last year. The Ministerial contributions have amounted to $1600, $28 more than in the former year. The interest accrued from investments has been $4437.92, while it was only $4266.61 the previous year. The amount of the legacy of the late Mrs. McIntyre, of Perth, apportioned to the Fund by the Synod, is $100. The Endowment Fund has now reached the sum of $71,009.00, whereas a year ago it amounted to only $67,500.00. In the period of nine years, during which Mr. Ferguson has been Treasurer, the total accumulation has been $29,971.00, averaging $3330 a year.

The names of two widows, Mrs. MacLeod and Mrs. Miller, and of nine orphans, have been placed on the list of annuitants during the year, while one widow, Mrs. Urquhart, has been removed by death. The number of widows now receiving allowances from the Fund is thirty-five, and the number of orphans is forty-one.

The changes in the Act of Incorporation of the Fund, contemplated a year ago, have been effected, and there is now no legal hindrance to the Board's going on to increase the revenue of the Fund up to $20,000 a year.

It was found necessary to modify slightly the scale of annuities submitted to the last meeting of Synod, as it was discovered that practically very few of the beneficiaries of the Fund were going to share in the advance then made in the scale. The two following alterations in Article 13, section 4, of the Rules and Regulations, are submitted for approval:

That, "where the average annual amount collected is under $12, the Managers may in their discretion allow an annuity not exceeding $12," read, "where the average annual amount collected is under $12, the Managers may in their discretion allow an annuity not exceeding $70." Also that "where the average is $12 and does not amount to $15, the annuity shall be $80," read, "where the average is $12, and and does not amount to $18, the annuity shall be $90"—thus doing away with the newly proposed average of $15. In other respects the scale remains as fixed last year.

The following addition to Article 13 is also submitted for approval: "In the case of the widow and orphan, or orphans, of a Minister who, prior to his decease, had been allowed to retire from the active duties of his office, the average shall be determined by computing it up to the date of his death, unless an understanding was come to with the Synod, at the time of his retirement, that the average should be struck at that time." So long ago as 1858 the principle embodied in this addition was submitted for the consideration of the Synod; but no action has yet been taken upon it, and the Board feel that it is well that a definite understanding should be arrived at on this point without further delay.

A good many Congregations are yet in arrears to the Fund, and the Board hope that the Synod will continue to impress upon Presbyteries the duty of looking after the interests of this important Scheme. The injunctions laid upon Presbyteries last year to use their authority over the Congregations within their bounds, to cause them to take up an annual collection for this Fund, has borne good fruit, for a considerable amount of arrears has been received by the Treasurer during the year. It is the interest of both the Synod and the Ministers of the defaulting Congregations that as far as possible these arrears should be made up. It is further obvious that Ministers should aim at obtaining from their Congregations all that they can, instead of satisfying themselves, as many do, with reaching a certain minimum, as their average in the latter case may, through some unforeseen circumstance, fall below what they reckon upon.

Returns of Ministers' families, showing the liabilities of the Fund, in conformity with the Synod's instructions of last year, have been received from all the Presbyteries but two; and the information thus obtained is of great value in the proper administration of the Scheme, enabling the Board to estimate the probable claims upon the Fund, as well as to check all claims presented.

Mr. John Grant having resigned his seat on the Board in consequence of his removal from this City, Mr. James Croil was elected in his place, subject to the approval of the Synod.

The special thanks of the Synod are due to Mr. Archibald Ferguson, the Treasurer of the Fund, for his careful and unwearied attention to the interests of the Scheme.

A communication has lately been received from the Convener of a Committee of the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, asking on what terms the Widows' and Orphans' Fund they are now raising could be amalgamated with ours As the Board are in possession of no information as to the progress which the effort put forth in the Maritime Provinces has made, they are not in a position to advise the Synod in this matter; but they respectfully suggest that the Synod indicate its mind on the question in a general way, remitting it to the Board to deal with the details of the subject.

All of which is submitted.

ROBERT CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Congregational Collections for the year ending 24th May, 1873.

Carleton Place	Rev.	Walter Ross	$16 00
North Easthope	"	W. Bell	5 00
Thorah	"	D. Watson	24 00
Beechridge	"	John McDonald	9 00
Point St. Charles	Vacant		7 00

Lanark	Rev.	J. Wilson	$ 12 50
St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal	"	Robt. Campbell	85 58
Renfrew	"	Robt. Campbell	27 00
Lachine	"	Wm. Simpson	30 30
Cornwall	"	N. McNish	40 00
Georgina	"	D. P. Niven	7 25
L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	"	Wm. McLennan	21 00
Toronto	"	D. J. Macdonnell	60 00
East Nottawasaga	"	D. McDonald	5 25
Brockville	"	D. McGillivray	32 00
Finch	"	H. Lamont	2 00
Perth	"	Wm. Bain, D.D.	50 00
Leith and Johnson	"	E. B. Rogers	8 00
Dundee	"	Donald Ross	12 00
Brock	"	A. Currie	12 00
East Williams	"	R. Chambers	8 00
Quebec	"	John Cook, D.D.	80 00
Arnprior	"	D. J. McLean	19 00
Whitby	"	J. Fraser	12 00
Darlington	"	A. Spencer	8 75
Williamstown	"	Peter Watson	10 00
Port Hope	"	M. W. McLean	14 50
Pakenham	"	Alex. Mann	22 00
Almonte	"	J. Bennett	15 00
Nottawasaga	"	A. McDonald	10 00
Chatham	"	J. Rannie	18 00
Hornby	"	Wm. Stewart	4 00
Balsover	"	E. McAulay	7 00
Hamilton	"	R. Burnet	26 00
North Dorchester	"	J. Gordon	12 00
Fergus	"	J. B. Mullan	24 00
Uxbridge	"	A. McLennan	10 00
Kingston	Vacant		80 00
Galt	Rev.	J. B. Muir	20 00
Spencerville	"	E. Mullan	8 00
Fort Coulonge	"	J. Gaudier	12 00
Nelson & Waterdown	"	H. Edmison	9 00
Seymour	"	Robt. Neill, D.D.	20 00
Markham	"	J. Carmichael	12 00
Middleville	"	Wm. Cochrane	13 00
Hemmingford	"	J. Patterson	13 00
St. John's Church, Markham	"	J. Bain	8 00
Scarboro'	"	J. Bain	21 00
Matilda	"	G. Porteous	5 00
Owen Sound	"	D. Morrison	20 00
Osnabruck	"	J. S. Mullan	12 00
Milton	"	Robert Dobie	14 00
Beauharnois	"	F. P. Sym	38 00
Williamsburgh	"	J. Davidson	16 00
Dummer	"	J. T. Paul	5 00
Clark	"	Wm. White	7 74
Richwood and Shower's Corners	Vacant		8 30
Niagara	Rev.	C. Campbell	21 00
Chelsea	"	Jas. Fraser	24 00
Oxford Mills	"	W. T. Canning	3 25
Innisfil and West Gwillimbury	"	Wm. McKee	7 45
Erin	"	D. Strachan	7 00
Newmarket	"	J. Brown	12 00

Peterboro'	Rev.	K. Maclennan	$ 25 00
Clifton	"	George Bell, LL.D.	20 00
Guelph	"	J. Hogg, D.D.	27 00
West King	"	J. Carmichael	15 00
St. Paul's Church, Montreal	"	J. Jenkins, D.D	241 24
Three Rivers	Vacant		12 00
Vaughan	Rev.	Wm. Aitken	16 00
Priceville	"	D. Fraser	12 00
Goderich	"	J. Sieveright	17 00
Smith's Falls	"	Solomon Mylne	10 00
Orangeville	"	W. E. McKay	4 00
St. Mark's Church, Montreal	"	W. M. Black	25 00
Lindsay	"	J. A. Murray	24 00
Huntingdon	"	S. McMorine	12 00
Point Levi	"	D. Anderson	71 50
Tossorontio	"	S. Hutcheson	6 00
King	"	J. Tawse	13 00
Lancaster	"	T. McPherson	14 00
St. Andrew's Church, Montreal	"	Gavin Lang	251 00
North Georgetown	"	J. C. Muir, D.D	13 50
Ottawa	"	D. M. Gordon	94 00
Russeltown	"	Wm. Masson	27 80
Elgin and Athelstane	"	J. S. Lochead	9 00
Plantaganet	"	Thomas Scott	3 00
	"	F. Nicol, arrears due	40 00
Huntley	"	J. Sinclair	8 00
Simcoe	"	M. W. Livingstone.	12 00
Melbourne	"	J. McCaul	12 00
Stratford	Vacant		25 00
Eldon	Rev.	A. McKay	50 00
Chatham	"	D. Ross	12 00
Ross and Westmeath	"	H. Cameron	12 00
Pickering	"	W. R. Ross	12 00
Kincardine	"	W. Anderson	9 00
South Gower and Mountain	"	Wm. Cleland	12 00
St. John's Church, Montreal	"	C. A. Doudiet	4 00
Cote St. George	"	D. McAulay	3 00
Almonte	"	John Bennett	20 00
Laprairie	Vacant		5 00
			$2381 90

General account current for the year ending 26th May, 1873.

To balance of last year		$ 150 74	Invested	$4855 00
Congregational collections		2381 90	Widows' allowances	4679 95
Interest in general account		3723 22	Charges	99 59
" A. Ferguson		480 00		
From Temporalities' Board	$1086			
" Sustentation Fund	474			
		1560 00		
Returned loan		1957 00		
Donations		234 70	Balance due the Fund	853 02
		$10487 56		$10487 56

Lanark	Rev.	J. Wilson	$ 12 50
St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal	"	Robt. Campbell	85 58
Renfrew	"	Robt. Campbell	27 00
Lachine	"	Wm. Simpson	30 30
Cornwall	"	N. McNish	40 00
Georgina	"	D. P. Niven	7 25
L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	"	Wm. McLennan	21 00
Toronto	"	D. J. Macdonnell	60 00
East Nottawasaga	"	D. McDonald	5 25
Brockville	"	D. McGillivray	32 00
Finch	"	H. Lamont	2 00
Perth	"	Wm. Bain, D.D	50 00
Leith and Johnson	"	E. B. Rogers	8 00
Dundee	"	Donald Ross	12 00
Brock	"	A. Currie	12 00
East Williams	"	R. Chambers	8 00
Quebec	"	John Cook, D.D	80 00
Arnprior	"	D. J. McLean	19 00
Whitby	"	J. Fraser	12 00
Darlington	"	A. Spencer	8 75
Williamstown	"	Peter Watson	10 00
Port Hope	"	M. W. McLean	14 50
Pakenham	"	Alex. Mann	22 00
Almonte	"	J. Bennett	15 00
Nottawasaga	"	A. McDonald	10 00
Chatham	"	J. Rannie	18 00
Hornby	"	Wm. Stewart	4 00
Balsover	"	E. McAulay	7 00
Hamilton	"	R. Burnet	26 00
North Dorchester	"	J. Gordon	12 00
Fergus	"	J. B. Mullan	24 00
Uxbridge	"	A. McLennan	10 00
Kingston	Vacant		80 00
Galt	Rev.	J. B. Muir	20 00
Spencerville	"	E. Mullan	8 00
Fort Coulonge	"	J. Gaudier	12 00
Nelson & Waterdown	"	H. Edmison	9 00
Seymour	"	Robt. Neill, D.D	20 00
Markham	"	J. Carmichael	12 00
Middleville	"	Wm. Cochrane	13 00
Hemmingford	"	J. Patterson	13 00
St. John's Church, Markham	"	J. Bain	8 00
Scarboro'	"	J. Bain	21 00
Matilda	"	G. Porteous	5 00
Owen Sound	"	D. Morrison	20 00
Osnabruck	"	J. S. Mullan	12 00
Milton	"	Robert Dobie	14 00
Beauharnois	"	F. P. Sym	38 00
Williamsburgh	"	J. Davidson	16 00
Dummer	"	J. T. Paul	5 00
Clark	"	Wm. White	7 74
Richwood and Shower's Corners	Vacant		8 30
Niagara	Rev.	C. Campbell	21 00
Chelsea	"	Jas. Fraser	24 00
Oxford Mills	"	W. T. Canning	3 25
Innisfil and West Gwillimbury	"	Wm. McKee	7 45
Erin	"	D. Strachan	7 00
Newmarket	"	J. Brown	12 00

Peterboro'	Rev.	K. Maclennan	$ 25 00
Clifton	"	George Bell, LL.D.	20 00
Guelph	"	J. Hogg, D.D	27 00
West King	"	J. Carmichael	15 00
St. Paul's Church, Montreal	"	J. Jenkins, D.D	241 24
Three Rivers	Vacant		12 00
Vaughan	Rev.	Wm. Aitken	16 00
Priceville	"	D. Fraser	12 00
Goderich	"	J. Sieveright	17 00
Smith's Falls	"	Solomon Mylne	10 00
Orangeville	"	W. E. McKay	4 00
St. Mark's Church, Montreal	"	W. M. Black	25 00
Lindsay	"	J. A. Murray	24 00
Huntingdon	"	S. McMorine	12 00
Point Levi	"	D. Anderson	71 50
Tossorontio	"	S. Hutcheson	6 00
King	"	J. Tawse	13 00
Lancaster	"	T. McPherson	14 00
St. Andrew's Church, Montreal	"	Gavin Lang	251 00
North Georgetown	"	J. C. Muir, D.D	13 50
Ottawa	"	D. M. Gordon	94 00
Russeltown	"	Wm. Masson	27 80
Elgin and Athelstane	"	J. S. Lochead	9 00
Plantaganet	"	Thomas Scott	3 00
	"	F. Nicol, arrears due	40 00
Huntley	"	J. Sinclair	8 00
Simcoe	"	M. W. Livingstone	12 00
Melbourne	"	J. McCaul	12 00
Stratford	Vacant		25 00
Eldon	Rev.	A. McKay	50 00
Chatham	"	D. Ross	12 00
Ross and Westmeath	"	H. Cameron	12 00
Pickering	"	W. R. Ross	12 00
Kincardine	"	W. Anderson	9 00
South Gower and Mountain	"	Wm. Cleland	12 00
St. John's Church, Montreal	"	C. A. Doudiet	4 00
Cote St. George	"	D. McAulay	3 00
Almonte	"	John Bennett	20 00
Laprairie	Vacant		5 00
			$2381 90

General account current for the year ending 26th May, 1873.

To balance of last year	$ 150 74	Invested	$4855 00
Congregational collections	2381 90	Widows' allowances	4679 95
Interest in general account	3723 22	Charges	99 59
" A. Ferguson	480 00		
From Temporalities' Board	$1086		
" Sustentation Fund	474		
	1560 00		
Returned loan	1957 00		
Donations	234 70	Balance due the Fund	853 02
	$10487 56		$10487 56

Endowment Fund.

Invested in Mortgages	$42209 00
Corporation Bonds	21000 00
Harbour Bonds	6000 00
Dominion Stock	800 00
	$70009 00

Widows' Annuities.

July, 1872.		January, 1873.	
Mrs. Darrach	$84 70	Mrs. Darrach	$84 70
" Brown	38 50	" Thom	60 50
" Lambie	44 00	" Urquhart	85 00
" Gregor	60 50	" Anderson	44 00
" Ross	52 80	" McEwen	44 00
" Roach	71 50	" Brown	38 50
" Thom	60 50	" Gregor	60 50
" McLaurin	80 30	" Anderson	55 00
" Anderson	55 00	" Ross	52 80
" George	95 70	" Ross	64 00
" McDonnell	77 00	" Roach	71 50
" McMurchy	95 70	" McClatchey	52 80
" J. E. Campbell	102 50	" Dickey	44 00
" Jas. Anderson	44 00	" Campbell	69 30
" Mair	55 00	" McDonnell	77 00
" McClatchey	52 80	" E. R. Campbell	102 30
" Smith	55 00	" McLaurin	44 00
" Bell	55 00	" Mair	55 00
" Urquhart	88 00	" George	95 70
" McLaurin	44 00	" Smith	55 00
" Bryning	44 00	" Bell	55 00
" Machar	126 50	" Wallace	86 90
" Barr	59 40	Miss Thompson	35 75
" Campbell	69 30	Mrs. McLaurin	80 30
" Hunter	52 80	" McLean	86 90
" Wallace	86 90	" Hunter	52 80
Miss Mair	44 00	" Barr	59 40
Mrs. Milligan	71 50	" Lambie	44 00
" Skinner	71 50	" McMurchy	95 70
" Haig	44 00	" Machar	125 00
" Thompson	71 50	" Bryning	44 00
" Moody	63 80	" Haig	44 00
" McLean	86 90	Miss Mair	44 00
" Dickey	44 00	Mrs. Milligan	71 50
		" Skinner	71 50
		" Thompson	71 50
		" Moody	63 80
	$2248 60		$2387 65

Paid July, 1872	$2248 60
Paid January, 1873	2387 65
In 1873	$4636 25

Defaulting Congregations.

1. PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.
   - Valcartier — Vacant

2. PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.
   - Ormstown, 3 years — Rev. W. C. Clark
   - St. Louis de Gonzague, 2 years — Vacant

3. PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.
   - Martintown, 4 years — Rev. J. S. Burnet
   - Dalhousie Mills — Vacant
   - Indian Lands — Vacant

4. PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.
   - Kitley, 5 years — Vacant
   - Lombardy and Oliver's Ferry, 5 years — Vacant

5. PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.
   - Litchfield, 2 years — Vacant
   - Richmond, 2 years — Vacant

6. PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.
   - Belleville — Rev. J. C. Smith
   - Roslin and Thurlow, 6 years — " J. M. Gray
   - Wolfe Island, 3 years — Vacant
   - Pittsburgh — Rev. P. S. Livingston

7. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.
   - Osprey and Dunedin, 2 years — Rev. John Ferguson
   - Caledon and Mono — Vacant

8. PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.
   - Dundas, 5 years — Rev. James Herald
   - Woolwich — " Geo. A. Yeomans
   - Hamilton, 2nd Congregation — Vacant

9. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.
   - Westminster, 2 years — Rev. Jas. McEwen
   - Bayfield and Varna, 2 years — " H. Gibson
   - Parkhill — " J. S. Eakin
   - Kippen — Vacant
   - Southwold, 5 years — Vacant
   - Woodstock, 3 years — Vacant
   - Wawanosh — Vacant
   - East Oxford — Vacant
   - Glencoe and Dunwich — Vacant

10. PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.
    - Paisley, 2 years — Vacant
    - Mount Forest, 5 years — Vacant
    - Saugeen — Vacant
    - Walkerton — Vacant

The following contributions have been received since the report was drafted :—

London	Rev. D. Camelon	$20 00
Beckwith	" W. Ross	16 00
Lochiel	Vacant	9 00
St. Matthew's, Montreal	Rev. C. A. Doudiet	15 00
Thorah	" D. Watson	25 00
Sherbrooke	" P. Lindsay	14 00
		$99 00

ARCH. FERGUSON,
Treasurer.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit their report, together with the annual statement, for the past Synodical year.

It is a matter of great regret that, at a time when the expenses for which the Committee have to provide are necessarily increasing, the contributions from congregations have reached so small an amount as is shown in the statement, and that owing to this circumstance several claims against the Committee, amounting in all to about $250, remain unpaid.

Taking the contributions of last year as the basis of computation, such congregations as are in the habit of giving with any degree of regularity the amounts asked from them will require to give twice as much for next year, in order to defray the expenses incurred by the Union Committee in the performance of the work entrusted to them by the Synod. With a view to insure the prompt and full payment of all outstanding claims, it is respectfully urged that Presbyteries be enjoined to give special attention to the representations of the Finance Committee, as authorized by the Synod. It is also asked that the Committee be instructed to make such an assessment for next year, as shall be adequate to meet all claims against them.

All which is respectfully submitted, in name and on behalf of the Committee by

K. MACLENNAN,
Convener.

Montreal, June 10th, 1873.

SYNOD FUND.

Contributions received from June 1st, 1872, to June 1st, 1873. | *List of arrears due up to June 1st, 1873.*

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

		Quebec	'71, '72		$30
		Valcartier	'72		4
$8	'67, '68	Point Levi	'69–'72		16
4	'72	Melbourne			
5	¾ '67, ½ '68	Three Rivers	½ '68–'72		14
		Sherbrooke	'72		4
$17					$68

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

$6	'72	N. Georgetown			
6	'72	Lachine			
4	'72	Beechridge			
5	'71	Beauharnois	'72		5
4	'72	Hemmingford			
4	'70	Russeltown Flats			
		Ormstown	'72		8
20	'72	Montreal, St. Paul's			
		" St. Matthew's	½ '65,–'72		30
		" St. Gabriel's			
10	'72	Dundee	'71, '72		10
5	'70	Elgin and Athelstane	'71, '72		10
20	'72	Montreal, St. Andrew's			
5	'72	" St. Mark's			
		Huntingdon	'71, '72		12
		Laprairie	'68–'72		20
4	'72	Chatham			
$93					$95

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

		Lancaster	'72	$	6
$ 6	'72	Williamstown			
26	½ '66–'72	N. Williamsburgh			
4	⅔ '68	Lochiel	'69–'72		24
		Dalhousie	'69–'72		16
		Martintown	'72		6
6	'71	Osnabruck	'72		5
5	'71	Cornwall			
10	'72	Matilda	'71, '72		8
		Finch	½ '71–'72		10
		Cote St. George	'69–'72		16
4	'68				
$61					$91

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

$ 4	'72	Pakenham	
12	'71, '72	Perth	
5	'72	Smith's Falls	
5	'72	Lanark	
5	'72	Beckwith	
		Brockville	'72 $ 8
		Ramsay	'72 6
		Kitley	'66–'72 30
5	¾ '71, ½ '72	Middleville and Dalhousie	½ '72 2
6	'71, '72	McNab and Horton	
		Lombardy & Oliver's Ferry	'70–'72 12
$42			$58

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

		Huntley	'72 $ 4
		Oxford	½ 70–'72 10
$ 8	'71, '72	Ross and Westmeath	
		Plantaganet	'70–'72 12
		Richmond	'69–'72 16
15	'72	Ottawa	
		Buckingham & Cumberland	'70–'72 12
		L'Orignal and Hawkesbury	'71, '72 8
		Mountain and S. Gower	'70–'72 8
4	'72	Chelsea	
		Arnprior	'72 5
4	'72	Spencerville	
		Litchfield	'68–'72 20
		Douglas	'67–'72 24
$31			$119

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

$12	'70, '71	Seymour	'72 $ 6
4	'71	Stirling	'72 4
8	'72	Belleville	
		Roslin and Thurlow	'66–'72 28
12	'72	Kingston	
		Wolfe Island	'69–'72 16
		Pittsburgh	'72 4
$36			$58

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

$ 4	'72	King	
4	'71	Newmarket	'72 $ 4
16	'70, '71	Scarboro'	'72 8
5	'70	W. Gwillimbury & Innisfil	'71, '72 10
8	'70, '71	Orangeville	'72 4
5	'72	W. King	
5	'71	Pickering	'72 5
8	'72	Vaughan	

		Nottawasaga	'72 $ 5
7	½ '70, '71, ¼ '72	Darlington	¾ '72 3
4	'71	Erin	'72 4
1	part '71	Purple Hill & E. Nottawasaga	'72 5
		Georgina	'72 4
6	'72	Markham	
15	'72	Toronto	
		Mulmur	'71, '72 8
5	'71	Scott and Uxbridge	'72 5
20	½ '64–'71	Caledon and Mono	'72 4
6	'72	Whitby	
		Osprey	½ '69–72 14
$119			$83

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

$8	'72	Thorah	
		Eldon	'72 $6
6	'72	Brock	
		Port Hope	'72 5
8	'71, '72	Clarke	
5	'72	Lindsay	
8	'72	Peterborough	
2	'72	Balsover	
4	'72	Dummer	
$41			$11

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

$5	'72	Clifton	
		Hamilton	
5	'71	Simcoe	'72
		Dundas	'63–'72 $58
5	'71	Niagara	'72 5
8	'70	Guelph	'71, '72 20
2	¼ '68	Hornby	'69–'72 16
6	½ '68, ¼ '69	Nelson and Waterdown	½ '69–'72 21
8	¼ '71, ¾ '72	Galt	¼ '72 2
		Woolwich	'71, '72 4
8	'71	Fergus	'72 8
		Arthur	'68–'72 20
$47			$159

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

$4	'69	North Easthope	'70–'72 $12
		Westminster	'71, '72 8
		Chatham	'72 5
		Wawanosh	'70–'72 12
		Bayfield	'71, '72 8
4	'72	N. Dorchester	
		Glencoe	'70–'72 12
6	1-6 '71, 5-6 '72	London	1-6 '72 1

	Goderich	'68–'72	$30
	Kippen	'72	5
	E. Oxford	'71, '72	8
	E. Williams	'66–'72	24
	Stratford	½ '66–'72	26
	Southwold	'66–'72	28
$14			$179

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

	Paisley and Elderslie	'66–'72	$28
	Owen Sound and Derby	'67–'72	36
	Priceville	'71, '72	8
$8	Leith and Johnson	'72, '73	
	Mount Forest	'63,–'72	40
	Kincardine	'66–'72	28
$8			$140

Received from Congregations	$509 00
Minutes, &c., sold	7 25
Total amount received	$516 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid balance due to Treasurer	$ 1 78
" Synod Clerk's salary for 1872	200 00
" " " Postages, &c	41 98
" Allowance to Convener for 1872	40 00
" Church Officer for attendance, 1872	12 00
" Stationery, Postages, &c., by Convener	7 50
" Expenses connected with Address to Governor-General	8 00
" Messrs. Meehem & Doust, engrossing Addresses	18 50
" Expenses incurred for Printing by Convener of Union Committee	3 21
" Mitchell & Wilson, Printing	9 00
" William Bailie, on account of Printing Minutes of Synod	160 00
Total amount expended	$511 97

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Amount received during 1872	$516 25
" disbursed	511 97
Balance on hand	$4 28

SUPPLEMENTAL.

Received since the above statement was drawn up:

Spencerville	$ 4 00	Pickering	$ 5 00
Guelph	18 00	Markham	6 00
Arnprior	5 00	Paisley	10 00
Pakenham	4 00	Balsover	4 00
Martintown	6 00	Lanark	5 00
Priceville	8 00	Perth	10 00
Elgin & Athelstane	5 00	Fergus	8 00
London	6 00	Beckwith	5 00
Williamstown	6 00	Simcoe	5 00
St. Matthew's, Montreal	4 00	Melbourne	4 00
Middleville & Dalhousie	3 00	Scarboro'	8 00
Sherbrooke	4 00	Lancaster	6 00
Hemmingford	4 00	Kingston	12 00
Cornwall	10 00	Bayfield	8 00
N. Georgetown	6 00	Russeltown	4 00
Goderich	6 00	Darlington	6 00

Montreal, June 10th, 1873.

APPENDIX H.

REPORT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Report:—

The accompanying statement by the Treasurer shews the receipts during the financial year to be $498 from 32 congregations, while the necessary disbursements have been $617.87. Last year the amount received was $508 from 33 congregations, while the expenditure was $609, leaving a deficit of $103, and for the year immediately preceding the deficit was $164. In consequence of these excesses of expenditure over income, the small reserve previously at the disposal of the Committee has been altogether absorbed, and for the first time for a number of years the Fund is in debt. In these circumstances, unless a special effort be made to supply the requisite means, your Committee will be wholly unable to meet the engagements under which they have come, and the demands which will be made on them, when the first half of the Scholarships and Bursaries falls to be paid early in the next College Session. This state of things, it is no doubt gratifying to know, arises from the gradually increasing number of young men studying for the Ministry, of whom there were 31 during the last Session, while there were only 18 in 1869–70, 15 in 1870–71, and 23 in 1871–72. In two years, therefore, the number of Students for the Ministry has been doubled. It is manifest then, that the demands on the Fund must be proportionably greater, and that the amount of contributions for its support must be largely increased, in order that the objects of the Scheme may be yet more fully attained. Surely, if our congregations and individual friends of the Church, who have more ample means for doing good, would but consider the unspeakable importance of keeping up an adequate supply of young men not only to fill our vacant charges, but to occupy the outfields of our rapidly grow-

ing country, the very small yet indispensable addition of $200 or $300 to the Fund for the ensuing year ought without difficulty to be secured.

Your Committee, therefore, trust that the Synod will again recommend this important Scheme to the sympathy and support of the Church, and will renew its recommendation, that on the day appointed for the collection prayer be offered up for our Colleges in all our congregations, and the attention of Ministers and Members be directed to the claims of the Christian Ministry upon young men of piety and talent.

All which is respectfully submitted, in name and on behalf of the Committee by

JAMES WILLIAMSON,
Convener.

4th June, 1873.

ACCOUNT OF THE SYNOD SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY FUND 1872–73.

Receipts.

1872.				
July	10	Portsmouth	per Jas. Fisher, Esq	$50 00
Sept.	30	McNab & Horton	" Rev. R. Campbell	18 00
Nov.	1	King	" " J. Tawse	2 00
"	4	Georgina	" " D. P. Niven	7 75
"	12	Guelph	" Wm. Allen, Esq	20 00
Dec.	10	Nottawasaga & Purple	" Rev. D. Macdonald	5 85
"	13	Galt [Hill	" " J. B. Muir	31 75
1873.				
Jan.	4	Fergus	" Dingwall Fordyce, Esq.	10 00
"	"	Williamstown	" Wm. Campbell, Esq	11 00
"	12	E. Williams	" Rev. R. Chambers	5 00
"	27	South Finch		2 00
"	30	Toronto	" Wm. Mitchell, Esq	23 75
Feb.	3	Perth	" Rev. Wm. Bain, D.D	20 00
"	4	Pittsburgh	" " P. S. Livingston	5 00
"	5	Peterboro'	" " K. Maclennan	10 00
"	"	Chatham	" " J. Rannie	11 00
"	"	London		16 00
"	24	Spencerville	" " E. Mullan	8 00
"	"	W. Nottawasaga		8 00
Mar.	5	Elgin & Athelstane	" " J. S. Lochead	5 00
"	6	Ottawa	" Wm. Hamilton, Esq	41 00
"	26	West King	" Rev. Jas. Carmichael	8 00
"	"	Martintown	" " John S. Burnet	14 32
"	28	Balsover	" " E. Macaulay	6 00
"	29	Beauharnois	" " F. P. Sym	5 00
April	6	Clifton	" " Geo. Bell, LL.D	6 00
"	7	St. Gabriel's Ch., Montr'l	" " R. Campbell	25 00
"	13	Dorchester	" " Jas. Gordon	5 00
"	27	Arnprior	" " D. J. McLean	10 00
"	28	Huntingdon	" " S. McMorine	8 00
May	1	Kingston	" " J. B. Mowat,	40 00
"	"	St. Paul's, Montreal	" " John Jenkins, D.D.	60 00
				$498 52

Expenditure.

1872.			
Oct.	15	Additional to Allan Scholarship	$ 8 00
"	17	Printing Circulars and Postage	3 07
"	29	Bursary, John Pringle	80 00
"	"	" Alex. Scott	15 00
"	"	" Gilbert Patterson	40 00
"	"	" A. Ross	50 00
"	"	" Thos. Glassford	20 00
"	"	" D. McEachern	40 00
		Scholarships awarded	360 00
		Stationery and Postage	1 80
			$617 87
			498 52
		Balance due the Treasurer	$119 35

N.B.—Since the accounts were closed the following sums have been received, viz:—

St. Paul's, Montreal (additional)	$30 00
St. Mark's, "	10 00
Lindsay	5 00
Ross and Westmeath	5 00
St. Andrew's, Montreal	100 00
	$150 00

APPENDIX I.

REPORT ON THE SYNOD'S FRENCH MISSION SCHEME.

Your Committee beg to submit the following Report:—

Owing to the uncertainty regarding the future operations of this Scheme, and to the fact of their Missionaries having removed to other spheres of labour, the work done by your Committee during the past year has been very limited.

From the circular addressed to the Ministers of the Congregations connected with our Church, in the month of November last, in which reference was made to the action taken by the majority of the members of your Committee in declining to carry out the amalgamation of this Scheme with the French Canadian Missionary Society, the members of this Court will be aware that the Union, contemplated at last Synod, did not take place.

Your Committee regret exceedingly the difference of opinion that existed on this subject, which resulted in the resignation of Mr. Lang from the Convenership. After conference with the Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society, and mature deliberation, they considered it advisable not to carry out the amalgamation, owing mainly to the position of that Society and to the relation that St. John's Congregation holds to the Presbytery of Montreal and to this Synod.

As Mr. Doudiet continued to reside in the City of Montreal he has been able to devote a portion of his time to French Mission work, and has, since his induction to St. Matthew's Church, held an afternoon Service on Sunday, with the members of his former Congregation. Mr. Doudiet's Report is now appended, showing the work that has been accomplished by him during the past year.

The Rev. C. A. Tanner, the Synod's other Missionary, resigned his charge at Sherbrooke, and is now Principal of the French Canadian Institute at Pointe-aux-Tremble. The work has not been continued in any form at this place.

Notwithstanding the uncertainty regarding the future of the Mission, thirty-eight Congregations have sent in contributions, which, with donations and rent of Manse, amount to $832.52. The disbursements have been $796.14, leaving a balance on hand of $36.38.

The Report now submitted must necessarily be a brief one, owing to the limited amount of work done. With the means placed at their disposal your Committee have endeavoured to carry on the Mission to the best of their ability, and to further what they considered to be the interests of the Church with which they are connected. They would, in conclusion, respectfully suggest that, for the present at least, the French Mission Scheme be retained as one of the Schemes of this Church.

The whole is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM M. BLACK,
Interim Convener.

REPORT OF THE SYNOD'S FRENCH MISSION FOR 1872–73.

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" "	—Victoria Mission Sabbath School	6 00
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" "	—Darlington	5 00
May 10	—Lindsay	5 00
" 17	—Kingston	55 00
" 22	—Middleville and Dalhousie	7 00
" "	—Rent of Manse, 5 months	46 00

Donations.

Albert White, Savannah	$ 3 75	
Mrs. Burnet, Hamilton	2 00	
John Burnet, Beachburgh	5 00	
John Gibson, Markham	5 00	
A few friends in Montreal	193 00	
		208 75
		$832 52

The Rev. C. A. Tanner, the Synod's other Missionary, resigned his charge at Sherbrooke, and is now Principal of the French Canadian Institute at Pointe-aux-Tremble. The work has not been continued in any form at this place.

Notwithstanding the uncertainty regarding the future of the Mission, thirty-eight Congregations have sent in contributions, which, with donations and rent of Manse, amount to $832.52. The disbursements have been $796.14, leaving a balance on hand of $36.38.

The Report now submitted must necessarily be a brief one, owing to the limited amount of work done. With the means placed at their disposal your Committee have endeavoured to carry on the Mission to the best of their ability, and to further what they considered to be the interests of the Church with which they are connected. They would, in conclusion, respectfully suggest that, for the present at least, the French Mission Scheme be retained as one of the Schemes of this Church.

The whole is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

WILLIAM M. BLACK,
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Expenditure.

1872.		
Sept. 4	—Treasurer's balance due him	$ 13 86
" "	—Paid John Parslon, interest on mortgage	27 75
" "	—Gas account to 3rd August	2 16
Oct. 20	—Bailie, Printing in Synod Minutes	16 70
" 29	—Assessed Taxes	11 10
" "	—Advertising Manse to let	1 25
" 30	—Insurance on Church Property	16 50
Nov. 9	—Paid Rev. C. A. Doudiet in full	323 00
" 18	—Paid Rev. C. A. Tanner "	50 00
" "	—Postages	2 50
" "	—Paid *Presbyterian* share of office	15 00
" 30	—Paid Mitchell & Wilson, printing	3 50
1873.		
Feb. 7	—John Parslon, interest on mortgage to 26th Jan., '73.	27 75
" "	—*Witness*, advertising	0 25
May 1	—Gas account to date	5 62
" "	—Insurance on Church Property	7 00
" "	—Interest on mortgage by Widows' Fund to 3rd April, 1873	122 20
		$646 14
" 30	—Paid Rev. C. A. Doudiet	150 00
" "	—Balance on hand	36 38
		$832 52

Memorandum of Liabilities.

M. W. & O. Fund Mortgage	$1222 12
John Parslon Mortgage	925 00
	$2147 12

Ladies' Committee French Mission $500 00

JAMES CROIL,
Treasurer.

E. & O. E., Montreal, 30th May, 1873.

APPENDIX J.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MANITOBA MISSION.

In accordance with the decision of the Synod at its last meeting, the Rev. Thomas Hart, M.A,, proceeded in August last to Manitoba to act in concert with the Canada Presbyterian Church in educational and evangelistic efforts in that Province. Information has been given from time to time through the columns of the *Presbyterian* as to the progress of the labours of our Missionary. A letter, bearing date 23rd May, 1873, addressed by Mr. Hart to the Convener of the Committee is appended to the report, and shows the present position of the Mission.

Your Committee have satisfaction in reporting that the contributions to this Scheme have been sufficient to enable them to meet their obligations to Mr. Hart with tolerable promptness. *Fifty* Congregations have contributed, as compared with *twenty-four* last year, the amount received, including donations, being $1207.42, as against $712.22. This increase is gratifying, though still it is to be regretted that not one-half of the Congregations on the Roll of Synod have availed themselves of the privilege of supporting this effort to minister to the spiritual necessities of fellow-countrymen in a distant part of the Dominion.

Your Committee desire to call special attention to the earnest hope expressed by Mr. Hart, that at least one additional labourer may be sent without delay to Manitoba. They do not doubt the ability and the willingness of this Church to support two, or even three, Missionaries in that field, if only the right men can be secured.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. J. MACDONNELL,
Convener.

MY DEAR MR. MACDONNELL,—

As the time for the meeting of Synod is approaching I think it advisable, though I have not yet been here very long, through you to furnish the Committee on the Manitoba Mission with a brief report of my labours since my arrival in this Province.

My duties, according to the instructions of the Committee, are of a two-fold nature. The Missionary was appointed "to take part along with Professor Bryce in the work of the 'Manitoba Presbyterian College,' and to engage likewise in Ministerial labour at such places as he might deem suitable."

After an expeditious and agreeable journey of some two weeks, I arrived at Fort Garry on the second of September, and at once made preparations for entering on my labours.

In reference to the first part of my duties—my co-operation with Professor Bryce in "Manitoba College"—my instructions were sufficiently definite. The classes in the College had not yet been

opened. They were opened, however, early in October following. The session is divided into three terms. For the first term the subjects I taught were Classics and French. Since the beginning of the year, I have taken charge of the classes in French, and the higher classes only in Classics and Mathematics. The College is now drawing near the end of the second year of its existence. Last year the classes were conducted in rooms rented for the purpose. We now, however, occupy a commodious building, erected for college purposes mainly by the inhabitants of this parish at a cost of between four and five thousand dollars. The number of students in attendance during the session is about twenty-five—a very large number when we take the circumstances of the Province into consideration. In addition to Professor Bryce and myself, there is on the teaching staff Mr. P. H. Moodie, formerly a student of the University of Edinburgh, who acts as resident tutor and conducts the elementary classes. The students generally are diligent, some of them are very promising. Several of them have expressed their intention of studying for the office of the Ministry.

In reference to the second division of my duties, I have to report that upon a survey of the field within a reasonable distance of the College, near which the former part of my duties compel me to reside, I selected Fort Garry and Silver Heights as my principal stations for conducting services on Sabbath. I have generally been able to hold two services every Sabbath, with the exception of those on which I had to fulfil appointments at remote country stations. For about seven months I generally conducted one of the services at Knox Church, Fort Garry, Prof. Bryce conducting the other. For the last six or seven weeks I have not been so often in the town, as owing to my heavier duties at College and elsewhere I have been unable to hold service there more frequently than once every alternate Sabbath.

I have already had occasion several times to give some account of the town congregation. It will, therefore, be less necessary for me to enlarge on this subject in the present report. This congregation was organized a year ago last February. The first Communion was held in the month of May following, with ten members. The Communion was administered last Sabbath for the third time since my arrival. The members now number between forty and fifty. The congregation has already had to enlarge its little church twice; and if the increase of the future be similar to that of the past, a much larger building will soon be required. The erection of a more commodious church has already been under consideration; but I am afraid that very little can be done in that direction this year. They are now negotiating for a Minister, and, indeed, the early settlement over them of a pastor of their own is a consummation devoutly to be wished. Additional labourers in this field are greatly needed.

Silver Heights, my other station, is situated on Assiniboine River, about five miles above the town, and about nine miles from my residence. This is likely to become an important suburb of Fort Garry. It already contains a grist-mill and a brewery, and is expected to develope into an important village. I have preached here, as a general rule, every Sabbath afternoon. The attendance in winter does not average more than twelve or fourteen; in summer it is somewhat greater. Like the work we are carrying on in the Province generally, our work here must be one of faith. We must look to the future as well as to the present.

In addition to these places, I have done my share in holding services at the various settlements springing up within twelve or fifteen miles of the town. Two of these especially are prosperous and interesting—

Rockwood and Springfield. Rockwood is situated about fifteen miles northwest of Fort Garry in a beautiful and fertile region. At present it has a population of about eighty, representing the various religious denominations, the Presbyterian, however, most largely. Here a lot has been secured for a church, and preparations for building immediately are well advanced. Springfield, on the east side of the Red River, is in a similarly progressive condition. Here the population is about one hundred and twenty, chiefly Presbyterian. In this place also we expect to open a church this summer.

It is often a touching sight to witness the joy of the settlers in these scattered localities at hearing again in the immense solitudes of this "Great Lone Land" the once familiar sound of the Gospel offer. At one of these places, called "Protestant Ridge," I held public worship for the first time a week ago last Sabbath. This settlement was commenced some six or eight months ago; and during that time none of the settlers had been present at a service of any kind. At the close of the service, I distributed, as I usually do on such occasions, some of the religious tracts with which you kindly furnished me. I also distributed a volume of the *Presbyterian* for 1872, with instructions to circulate the numbers through the different families of the settlement until they were all read. Here, as in almost every other Canadian settlement, I discovered a former adherent of our Church in Ontario, who gave me a hearty welcome, and was very glad to get a copy of the *Presbyterian*. I must in passing express my hearty thanks to the Rev. A. Currie, of Brock, for sending me, at his own expense, no less than ten volumes of last year's *Presbyterian* for distribution at my stations. They have been a very acceptable present. Donations of a similar kind will be very thankfully received.

In reference to the spiritual necessities of the Province for the coming summer it is very difficult to speak precisely. A great deal obviously depends on the extent to which immigrants come in from the older Provinces and Europe. We did expect a large emigration from Ontario and Scotland, but reports of Indian troubles and of the dreaded visit of the grasshopper will probably greatly reduce it. I understand that two townships have been set apart for emigrants from Scotland. And these, no doubt, will be chiefly Presbyterian. However, even if the increase to our population should be very small, two or three additional Missionaries are urgently required. Our brethren of the Canada Presbyterian Church are to send out another this summer, but there is room enough for all. I earnestly hope and pray that the Committee of our Church also will be able to send out at least one additional fellow-labourer to co-operate with our little band in the great work in which we are engaged. The wants of the Province are very great, but our number is small. Here, as throughout the world, the harvest is great, but the labourers are few. Let us pray, therefore, that the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into his harvest.

In conclusion, I cannot refrain from acknowledging the weighty obligations under which I lie to the Presbytery of Manitoba for the cordial reception which it accorded me on my arrival in the Province, and for its consistent kindness ever since.

Especially are my thanks due to the Rev. Professor Bryce, and the Rev. John Black, the father of Manitoban Presbyterianism, for their uniform kindness, and their hearty co-operation with me in the work of our common Lord.

I remain your affectionate fellow-labourer in the Gospel.

THOMAS HART.

Kildonan, Manitoba, 23rd May, 1873.

Balance on hand as per last statement, June, '72 ..... $296 00

PRESBYTERY OF QUEBEC.

Melbourne	$10 00
	$10 00

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

Dundee	$ 10 00
Montreal, St. Gabriel's	64 40
" St. Paul's	154 00
" St. Andrew's	150 00
" St. Mark's	15 00
Huntingdon	10 00
Chatham and Grenville	6 00
	$409 40

PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

Cornwall	$35 00
Williamstown	10 00
Osnabruck	10 55
	$55 55

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

Macnab and Horton	$18 00
Beckwith	20 00
Perth	65 80
Smith's Falls	20 00
Lanark	8 00
Pakenham	5 00
Middleville & Dalhousie	4 00
	$140 80

PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.

Ottawa	$62 00
Arnprior	12 00
Spencerville	6 50
Ross and Westmeath	10 00
	$90 50

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

Kingston	$45 00
Belleville	20 00
	$65 00

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

King	$ 17 25
Toronto	110 67
Whitby	10 00
Erin	12 25
Fergus	10 00
West King	11 00
Orangeville	6 00
Vaughan	14 50
Arthur	3 00
West Nottawasaga	10 00
Newmarket	5 00
Georgina	8 00
E. Not'wasaga & Purple Hill	6 35
Pickering	3 00
	$227 02

PRESBYTERY OF VICTORIA.

Peterboro'	$35 00
Eldon	4 00
	$39 00

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

Galt	$36 90
Hamilton, St. Paul's	20 00
Clifton	10 00
Nelson and Waterdown	5 50
Hornby	2 25
	$74 65

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

North Dorchester	$10 00
East Williams	5 00
Chatham	13 00
Stratford	12 00
	$40 00

PRESBYTERY OF SAUGEEN.

Priceville	$6 00
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Donations.

John Edwards, Esq., Hemmingford	$25 00
Sunday School of St. Andrew's, Montreal	20 00
Sunday School, Garrafraxa	4 50
	$49 50

Summary.

Balance on hand in June, 1872	$ 296 00
Total amount of Congregational Collections	1157 92
Donations	49 50
	$1503 42

Disbursements.

Allowance to Rev. Thomas Hart for outfit	$100 00
Mr. Hart's salary to 30th April, 1873	900 00
Mr. Croil, share of expense of *Presbyterian*	15 00
Tracts for distribution in Manitoba	5 00
Printing Circulars, Postage, &c	4 30
Due to Mr. Hart for salary for current quarter	300 00
	$1324 30
Balance on hand	179 12
	$1503 42

APPENDIX K.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN ORPHANAGE AND JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1873.

The Committee are thankful to be able to report the continued prosperity of this interesting Scheme, and a steady increase in the contributions for its support. Not only have the remittances for the usual objects come in punctually and spontaneously, with only two or three exceptions, but special contributions have also been sent in for the Zenana Mission, into which it is proposed to enter. While in some cases the individual orphans supported have been removed, either by marriage or by entering on some useful occupation in which they could earn their own support, new *protégées* have been, in each case, accepted, while several appropriations of orphans have been made to schools not previously contributing to the Scheme. The receipts for the past year have amounted to $920.00, being an increase of nearly $50.00 over last year's income; and the number of orphans now supported is forty-one, divided among the four orphanages of Madras, Calcutta, Sealkote and Poona. The reports received of their character and progress during the year have been, in most cases, very satisfactory. Examination papers, filled up by some of the girls, have been sent to the schools supporting them, and are most creditable to their progress and accuracy in Scripture knowledge. Letters have also been received from a number of orphans, some of them very fairly written in English, and others in Tamil, translated by their teacher.

They are all very satisfactory in tone, expressive of their gratitude to their Canadian friends, and their appreciation of the privileges afforded them; while some of them give pleasing indications that the writers have learned to know and love the Saviour. Two or three have, during the year, been admitted to the Lord's table, giving hopeful promise of their desire to be the Lord's. The letters received have been, in most cases, replied to by the schools to whom they were addressed, from whom their young *protégées* seem very anxious to hear. This interchange of letters is a source of great interest both to the orphans and their young friends, and it is strongly recommended to all schools engaged in the work to try its good effects. The Secretary is at all times happy to forward any letters sent by schools, but it has been requested, on behalf of the Superintendents of Orphanages, that such epistles should consist of a *single joint letter*, written on thin foreign paper, to save expense in transmission. A few fine photographs of the Calcutta Orphanage have been sent for the benefit of schools having orphans at that Institution, but any other schools wishing to see them can have one sent for inspection on application to the Secretary.

The several orphanages are carrying on their useful mission steadily and prosperously. The return of Mrs. Clark for the benefit of her health, which was so much lamented by her pupils in their letters, has been for the time postponed. A slow fever, called Dengue fever, has been rather prevalent in some of the Orphanages, and has terminated fatally in some cases, though not in that of any of the orphans supported in Canada. The progress of events in India shows more and more the great need for diffusing a Christian education among the female population of India, hitherto sunk in ignorance and degradation. It is admitted that in India, as in other places, must be fought the great battle between Christianity and Rationalism, now a more formidable opponent than Heathenism; and the thorough Christian instruction of the women, the bringing their hearts, by the blessing of God, under the power of a vital Christianity, will be one of the strongest influences on the side of Truth. The *Times'* correspondent in Calcutta recently announced that the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal has publicly declared that "the instruction of women must be based on religion," and observed that Government has found that even in the case of young men, the system of imparting a *secular* education *only* is dangerous even on political grounds alone, and that it admits that "its own attempts to give a secular education to girls are failures, and that it must henceforth work through religious societies." Here, then, we have an ample field for giving useful aid to the cause of Christian India, which, so far from being discouraged, is even *desired* by Government.

In regard to the Zenana Missions, or domiciliary visits to the female households of the Hindoos, the opportunities for sowing the good seed far exceed the number and the strength of the sowers. Recent accounts from India describe touchingly the eagerness with which the visits of the female Missionary Agents are desired and welcomed. Those who a short time ago were, from their total seclusion and want of education, inaccessible either to the written word or the living voice, are rapidly developing dormant powers, and craving eagerly for knowledge, especially for that knowledge of Divine things which the voice of God in their hearts tells them is so supremely important. In a work recently published on Zenana Missions, it is remarked that of all the social revolutions now occurring in various parts of the world, none probably is so important as that which is passing over the condition of the women of India. Few certainly are

so happy, so powerful for good, both in their direct and indirect results. And in bringing about this happy and important revolution, we, though so far distant, are privileged to bear a part.

Miss Pigot, the indefatigable Superintendent of the Zenana work in Calcutta, in a letter lately received by the Secretary, expresses the thankfulness with which she would receive from us the means of maintaining another labourer in this most important and interesting field. It is, therefore, proposed by the Committee, with God's help and blessing, to undertake the responsibility of supporting a Zenana native teacher. As one-half of the necessary funds has already been forwarded to Edinburgh, while out of the balance now in the Treasurer's hands, after deducting two remittances prepaid for next year, there will remain more than enough for the balance of one year's support, it is thought there can be no imprudence in undertaking it, looking to Him whose are the silver and the gold, and whose blessing has so prospered this Mission in the past. It is earnestly hoped that this new object will not be forgotten in the coming year, especially by such schools as have not hitherto contributed to the Scheme, and from whom the smallest remittance will be gladly received. An interest in this Mission cannot but exercise a beneficial reflex influence on the the young people who take part in it, and will probably lead them to consider the need of the heathen at home as well as of the heathen abroad.

While gratefully acknowledging the interest already shown in the Scheme by many Ministers and Superintendents, and by the Editor of *Presbyterian*, the Committee earnestly commend to the fostering and prayerful care and encouragement of the Synod this its only foreign Mission, having for its object the extension of Christian knowledge and of the Kingdom of Christ among the ninety millions of Indian females still almost wholly sunk in darkness and superstition.

All which is respectfully submitted.

AGNES M. MACHAR,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Kingston, May 31, 1873.

INDIAN ORPHANAGE AND JUVENILE MISSION SCHEME.

Treasurer's Statement.

By whom contributed.	Place.	Orphan or Object	Orphanage.	For Orphans.	Canadian School or Zenana Teacher.
St. Andrew's Sab.S	Montreal ..	Phœba	Madras ...	$20 00	
do	do	Prema ...	Poona.....	20 00	
do	do	Emmy Morris.	Madras....	25 00	
do	Ottawa....	Christina..	Calcutta...	20 00	
do	do	Helen	Calcutta...	20 00	
do	Kingston..	Emily....	Sealkote...	20 00	$20 00
do	do	Minnie ...	Calcutta...	20 00	
do	Toronto...	Ellen	Madras....	20 00	5 00
do	Perth	Jes'e F.Bain	do	21 00	10 00
do	Peterboro'.	Emma . ..	do	22 50	
do	Seymour...	Ruth.....	do	25 00	2 00
do	East Oxford	Rachel	Calcutta...	20 50	
do	Arnprior ..	Emily Lindsay.	Sealkote...	21 00	
do	Fergus....	Seguna. ..	Poona....	20 00	10 00
do	Guelph....	Gainabottee	Calcutta...	22 50	
do	St. John,N.B	Pharos	Sealkote...	20 00	
do	Hamilton..	Lydia.....	Madras....	20 00	
do	N. Georgetown				15 00
do	King.				2 50
St. Paul's Sab. Sch	Montreal ..	Esther.....	Sealkote...	20 00	10 00
St. Gabriel's do	do	Maggie Campbell	Madras....	20 00	
St. John's do	Brockville.	Elizabeth .	Sealkote...	20 00	
St. James' do	Charlotte'n	Bessie.....	Madras....	20 00	
Sabbath School...	Lanark....				12 25
do	Chatham, O	Sophia	Madras....	20 00	
do	Nairn....	Lydia Chambers.	do	21 00	
do	Huntingd'n	Mary.....	Poona.....	20 00	
do	Galt.. ...	Mary Galt.		20 00	
do	Lachine ...	Jessie		20 00	
do	Leith	Esther.....	Madras....	20 00	
do	Martintown	Elisa Kinloch.	do	20 00	
do	Cornwall..	Jane Urquhart.	do	20 00	
do	Victoria Mission Montreal.	Victoria Rachel.	Sealkote...	20 00	
St. Andrew's Sab.S	Quebec (2 yrs)	Lanowkie .	Poona....	40 00	
Ladies' Association	Scarboro' ..	Louisa	Madras ...	20 00	10 00
Mrs. James Bisset	Lachine...	Catherine .	Poona	20 00	
David Ross.....	Leith.. ...	Hannah ...	Madras	20 00	
Family R. Cassels	Quebec....	Rhoda	Sealkote...	20 00	
Sabbath Schools	*Portsmouth, Barriefield, Kingston.	Janet Harkness.	Calcutta...	10 00	
Late Mrs.Thomps'n	Ross... ..				5 00
Sabbath School...	Beachburg				12 50
do	Clifton				10 00
do	Spencerville				7 50
do	Williamst'n				6 00
St. Paul's Sab. Sch former contributi'n	Montreal .			20 00	15 00
				$768 50	152 75

*The balance of the support of the orphan maintained by these schools is paid in Calcutta by T. F. Harkness, Esq., Indian Civil Service.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE PAST YEAR.

Receipts.		*Disbursements.*	
Rec'd as above for Orphans	$768 50	Remittances to Scotland ..	$852 00
Canadian School & Zenana Mission....	152 75	Paid for printing.	8 75
Balance from previous year	29 75	Stationery and bank charges	1 25
Interest.....	2 00	Postage.....	6 00
		Balance in hand.....	85 00
	$953 00		$953 00

Statement of Remittances to A. T. Niven, Esq., Edinburgh, Treasurer to the Scottish Ladies' Association for female education in India :

Remitted for support of orphans.....	£154 0 0
Presents to orphans...	3 4 0
For Canadian School.....	11 00
For a Zenana Teacher....	7 4 0
For News of Female Missions.....	12 0
	£176 stg. $852 cy.

AGNES M. MACHAR,
Treasurer.

Kingston, May 31st, 1873.

APPENDIX L.

REPORT OF MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN.

The Committee on the Mission to the Lumbermen, in submitting their fifth annual report, have little to mention in regard to the labours of the past year different from what has been presented in previous reports. They humbly express their gratitude to God who has enabled them not only to continue but also to extend their work. Each year's operations serve to increase their knowledge of the work required, and their facility in performing it; the wheels of the machinery are running more smoothly; and so by degrees the Committee are feeling their way to the extension of their labours.

As stated in previous reports, the two-fold object of the Mission is (1) to have the Gospel preached in the Shanties by Missionaries whose services the Committee may be able to secure, and (2) to circulate such periodicals, tracts, magazines, &c., as may be most conducive to the moral and spiritual improvement of the men; the aim of the Committee, though its attainment seems very far distant, being to have the Gospel preached and suitable literature distributed each winter in every shanty of the Ottawa Valley.

The first part of this work can be increased only by an increase in the number of the Missionaries who may be able to visit the shanties, or by an increase of the time which those who do visit them shall spend in the work of the Mission. Owing, however, to the prevalent scarcity of Ministers, even for the supply of settled congregations, the Committee have been unable to secure the services of any more than in former years, and, as these are the pastors of fixed charges, they have been able to leave home for only a small part of the winter.

During the past season, the Revs. Messrs. Fraser, of Chelsea, and Cameron, of Beachburgh, have again engaged in the work.

The circulation of suitable literature, however, has been considerably increased; not only were the visiting clergymen supplied, as usual, with large quantities for distribution, but more of the Lumber Firms than formerly rendered willing assistance, sending parcels to depots and shanties which the Missionaries could not possibly visit. In this way the distribution has been greater and more widely scattered than during any previous season of the work of the Mission.

The publications circulated were much the same as those distributed in former years: *e.g.*, tracts, copies of "British Workman," "Leisure Hour," "Cottager and Artisan," "Le Messager des Familles," &c., &c. Each season these seem to receive a growing welcome from the shantymen. The Committee now secure these publications to a very large extent, directly from the publishers, who have dealt very generously towards the Mission, the London Tract Society sending a free grant equal to the quantity purchased; at the same time they are always ready to receive gratuitous supplies from any quarter. Much of the distribution for the winter had been made before the case from the London Tract Society arrived; the Committee are under obligations to the Ottawa Tract Society for kindly supplying the want caused by that delay. In the report of the Rev. Mr. Fraser a valuable suggestion will be found in regard to supplying the shanties with reading matter in a more durable form than that hitherto given them, furnishing them in short with what might be described as small circulating libraries. The Committee will gladly undertake this if, on enquiry, it appears that the Lumber Firms will give them the necessary co-operation.

The Committee continue to receive much pecuniary assistance from the lumberers and other friends of the Mission. Annexed to this report will be found a statement of the present condition of the funds of the Mission, showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the amount of $185.70.

The following extracts from the reports of the visiting Clergymen will show, to some extent, the work done by them during the past winter:—

Rev. Jas. Fraser, who visited the Gatineau District, reports: "In entering upon the work of your Mission this year, I resolved to follow, as nearly as possible, the same route as last year. The Pemechongo, Joseph, Caster, Baskatong, Sturgeon and Ignace Limits, in the Valley of the Gatineau River, were again the fields of operation. All the farms, shanties and stopping shanties of Messrs. Gilmour & Co., Hamilton Bros., McLaren & Co., and Welch Bros., in these districts, were supplied with reading matter, and some of them visited personally. Fifteen shanties, eight farms and several stopping shanties were visited. In these I addressed about six hundred and fifty men; to reach them about seven hundred miles were travelled. The papers supplied to me were distributed among forty-six stations.

"In the shanties the state of things is not nearly as bad as is often supposed. The men are free from many temptations incident to city life, or even to life in an ordinary country settlement. Drunkenness very rarely occurs; almost every Protestant carries with him his Bible, and many read it, at any rate on Sundays. There are also some foremen who use all their endeavours to suppress swearing, Sabbath-breaking and other evils. One marked case came under my notice. Every evening after supper the foreman to whom I refer takes down his Bible, and by the light of the camboose reverently reads and engages in prayer with his men. On the Sabbath the day is commenced and ended with worship.

"Many instances came under my observation, serving to shew the value set upon your papers. One example may be mentioned. Noticing some of last year's tracts I made enquiries and learned that, at the close of the winter's work, the papers had been carefully collected and laid by; this fall, when the new shanty, some four miles from the old one, was built, they were sent for and secured. While not desiring to curtail the plenteous distribution of tracts and periodicals, permit me to bring before your notice another agency suggested to me by a gentleman engaged in the lumber trade. It is in effect to provide a circulating library of religious books for the use of the men. The greatest difficulty in the working out of this scheme lies manifestly in the placing and exchanging of the books. This, however, he thinks could be overcome in the following way: First, it would be necessary to secure the co-operation of the Lumber Firms; then the library must be packed in small boxes, each holding about a dozen books. At the commencement of the business season these boxes might be distributed among the firms willing to second your efforts, according to the number of shanties worked by them. The after exchange of the boxes from shanty to shanty might be performed by the agents of those firms, each agent attending to this in his own business district.

"It is with gladness I note that the Church of England is also engaging in Missionary work among the Lumbermen on the Gatineau. The Roman Catholic Church, with her accustomed energy, appoints a priest to the special work of visiting the shanties. This year their Missionary and I met and were auditors of one another. As agreed upon between ourselves, I conducted worship first, and he followed. During the services he was one of the most attentive of my audience; for myself, I can say that I had not expected to hear a priest speak so plainly. Addressing the men in French he said: "You believe that I can forgive you your sins, but I tell you that if you do not make a good confession, if you do not hate your sins, if you do not try to forsake your sins, if you do not love Jesus, my absolution is of no avail."

The Rev. Hugh Cameron reports as follows:—

"I left home for work among the Lumbermen on the 23rd of January, intending to spend four weeks in the shanties. I regret, however, that I had to return at the close of the second week, having been rendered almost unable to speak by a very severe cold, accompanied by congestion of one of the lungs, and that I was unable to resume the work of the Mission until the proper season was nearly past. Part of the field, however, which I had proposed to visit was visited by the Rev. Mr. McEwen, of Pembroke.

"As on former occasions, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the increasing interest which is being manifested by the shantymen in this Mission. There is not only increasing respect shewn to the Minister of the Church, but in some cases a hungering after the bread of life and a laudable zeal in seeking to promote the prosperity of the Mission.

"During the time that I was engaged in the work I visited some of the shanties of Capt. Walter Findlay, Hon. George Bryson & Son, Hon. A. B. Foster, Messrs. Fraser & Currie, Black, McLean, Bennie, Landon, Wilson, Carmichael and Ostram. In all, I visited twelve shanties, gave seventeen addresses, addressed over three hundred men, and travelled nearly three hundred miles, besides distributing in every shanty and stopping place the French and English religious literature furnished by your Committee."

The preceding extracts convey some idea of the nature and method of the work of the Mission. Like most other Mission Committees, your Committee have to regard the work done by them as bearing but a very small proportion to the work which remains to be done; at the same time they regard the encouragement and success which they have met as a token of God's approval of their work, and of His desire for its continuance. They think that their labour receives the increasing confidence of the Lumber Firms and of the men in whose interest it is undertaken. They look upon that labour as a section, and by no means an unimportant section, of Home-Mission work, and their prayer is that God will employ it to promote the spiritual welfare of the lumbermen, who contribute largely to the material progress of our land, and so to bring at least one section of our broad Dominion more completely under the dominion of the Gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL M. GORDON,
Convener.

Note.—The following contributions have been received per Rev. Hugh Cameron :—

From the Shanty of Captain W. Findlay, Black River.

George Black	$1 00	John Black	$1 00
Octave Marion	0 50	Bapt. Marion	0 50
M. Marion	0 50	Alfred Lacroix	0 50
George Creighton	1 00	Adolphe Langlois	0 50
James Creighton	1 00	Frank Rabichaud	0 50
Xaviere Marion	0 50	Robert Blair	1 00
Robert Marion	0 50	Oliver Marion	0 50
Nap. Brunett	0 50		
Robert Murdock	0 50		$10 50

From Shanty of Mrs. E. Carmichael & Son.

William Collins	$1 00	James Buchannan	$1 50
James Collins	1 00	Robert Dickson	1 00
W. McChesny	1 00	Samuel Collins	1 00
Duncan McLaren	1 00	Charles Gardner	1 00
John Little	1 00	William Fletcher	1 00
Henry Little	1 00	Tamisse Mooseau	0 50
Charles Laporte	1 00	James Shannon	0 50
Alex. Pitt	1 00	T. Bartrand, jr.	0 50
Angus McKay	1 00	Wm. German	0 50
Joseph Fleurie	1 00		
Francis Valeucour	1 00		$18 50

MISSION TO THE LUMBERMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH ANDREW DRUMMOND, ESQ., TREASURER.

1872. *Dr.*

June 2	Balance, as per report of 1872	$231 56
1873.		
May 1	Subscription of Hon. George Bryson	20 00
"	Sanford Fleming, Esq	20 00
"	A. Gilmour, Esq	50 00
"	Levi Young, Esq	20 00
"	H. F. Bronson, Esq	20 00
"	James Findlay, Esq., M.P	20 00
"	James Gordon, Esq	4 00
"	Robert Blackburn, Esq	2 00
"	Hon. James Skead	20 00
"	Messrs. Batson & Currier	10 00
"	from Shanty of Capt. Findlay, per Rev. H. Cameron	10 50
"	from Shanty of Mrs. E. Carmichael & Son, per Rev. H. Cameron	18 50
"	Mr. George Bryson, jr., per Rev. H. Cameron	5 00
"	Mrs. E. Carmichael & Son, per Rev. H. Cameron	6 50
"	John Haney, per Rev. H. Cameron	1 00
		$459 06

1872. *Cr.*

Sept. 19	Publications from "British Workman" Office and London Tract Society	$97 83
" 27	500 Annual Reports	13 00
Oct. 24	Customs and Freight on Periodicals, &c.	17 23
1873.		
Mar. 19	Rev. James Fraser, Salary and Expenses for one month	84 30
"	" Hugh Cameron " " " " two weeks	40 00
	Supplying Pulpits of Officiating Clergy	21 00
June 2	Balance on hand	185 70
		$459 06

APPENDIX M.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee appointed to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland beg leave respectfully to report :—

That since they last reported to your Very Reverend Court they have held one meeting immediately after the rising of the Synod, on June 13, 1872.

That in accordance with the instructions of the Synod and at the instance of the Presbytery of Toronto your Committee presented the case of the Rev. Francis Nicol in the strongest light to the favourable consideration of the Colonial Committee. That Committee have intimated that they are unable in accordance with their rules to give retiring allowances to Missionaries; but, appreciating Mr. Nicol's character and useful labours while in health, have determined to treat him as still on their list and to pay him at the rate of £110 stg. per annum up to Feb., 1873, on condition of his receiving $200 from the Sustentation Fund of this Church. They will also be prepared to consider favourably any proposal for a renewal of the grant that may be made. Your Committee cannot express too strongly their sense of the kind and generous response made by the authorities of the Home Church to this application.

That the Colonial Committee have further shown their liberality by granting £40 stg. to each of the congregations of Portage-du-fort and Cote St. George for the purpose of liquidating all debt remaining on the new and substantial places of worship erected by these congregations.

That the Presbyteries of Ottawa and Perth have each received a grant of £50 stg. towards the payment of the salaries of Missionaries labouring in destitute fields within their bounds. To secure this valuable supplementary aid they were required to contribute an equal amount from local sources and also transmit to the Colonial Committee full reports of their Home Missionary operations.

That the Rev. Malcolm M. McNeill, Ordained Missionary, has recently been sent out and is now labouring within the bounds of the Presbytery of Montreal.

That the Colonial Committee have resolved to institute a new and interesting feature in their operations. Finding that the scarcity of Probationers is so great as to render it difficult to secure well qualified Missionaries for the Colonial fields, they have resolved to seek out youths of promise and piety, more especially among those acquainted with the Gælic language, and send them out to Queen's College to be educated for the Holy Ministry. Towards this important work they will contribute liberal aid. These can be qualified educationally for their future vocation more cheaply at Kingston than in Scotland, as there are virtually no class fees exacted from students for the Ministry and, by labouring as Catechists during the summer, are enabled to make pecuniary provision for the winter months, while attending College. The Committee have already obtained the services of one such, who is expected to arrive in the Colony ere long.

That the correspondence of the Colonial Committee with your Committee continues to evince the deepest anxiety on the part of the Convener and Secretary of that Committee to further any measure that may advance the prosperity of our Zion and to prove the lively interest cherished by the Parent Church in all that concerns the welfare of this Church.

All which is respectfully submitted by

J. H. MACKERRAS,

Convener.

APPENDIX N.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

To the Reverend the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland:

Your Committee herewith submit a copy of the minutes of a joint meeting of Committees begun at St. John, New Brunswick, on the 11th day of April. Embodied therein are the minutes of a meeting held at Montreal on the 26th day of December, at which your Committee conferred with the Committee of the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, on certain matters which had been made the subject of special instructions to either or both Committees. This conference was held with the view of expediting the further prosecution of negotiations at the joint meeting of all the Committees.

With respect to the first subject of conference, namely, the Headship of Christ, your Committee had no instructions, but they knew what the mind of the Synod is as to the introduction of it into the articles of agreement or any resolutions pertaining thereto, and they endeavoured to act in harmony with your sentiments and views. They believe that had they, by any statement or explanation of their own, set forth the historical and doctrinal relation of this Church to the subject, they would have exceeded their duty and done what would have proved unacceptable to the Synod. Any difficulty that might have been apprehended from either giving or declining unauthorized declarations was avoided by the action of the conference at this stage being confined to the reading of the documents and the extracts of documents which are embodied in the minutes now submitted. Your Committee, at the conference at Montreal, agreed to supply the other Committee with copies of what they read that they might deal with them as they pleased in their report to the Assembly. The joint meeting went a step farther and agreed to record its satisfaction with the unanimity which is exhibited in these documents. Your Committee express the hope that it will not appear that they have in way compromised the position which the Synod desires to hold in regard to this matter. Indeed the Committee felt and still feel, that the mooting of the subject at all was uncalled for. The theoretical orthodoxy of this Synod in regard of the doctrine of the Headship of Christ, having never been a matter in question, even with those who seceded from it in 1844, and the real ground of that secession having been a communion with the Church of Scotland, which it is now understood, the United Church will have with it, equally with other Presbyterian Churches.

With respect to the second subject considered at Montreal, namely, state grants to Educational Institutions of a denominational character, your Committee conceive that the resolution of the conference, which was adopted by the joint meeting, accords with the spirit of the instructions given to your Committee, and venture to hope that it will meet with the Synod's acceptance.

As to the question pertaining to the election of Theological Professors, whether it should be by the Supreme Court of the Church, or by the governing Boards of Colleges, for the latter of which modes the

Synod last year expressed a decided preference, and instructed the Committee to ascertain how far the views of the other negotiating Churches are in accord with this preference, neither the Conference at Montreal, nor the joint meeting at St. John, was able to arrive at a unanimous deliverance, although the discussion of the subject was admitted to be pertinent and beneficial. There are those who have objections to both systems, and it is probable that some plan retaining the best features of each will meet with general favour in the United Church.

The few changes which have been made in the resolutions accompanying the basis will, it is hoped, be regarded as amendments.

Your Committee are presenting, they trust, their final report. In attending to the important business intrusted to them, they have interpreted the unanimity which has characterized the proceedings and deliverances of the Synod at three successive meetings as indicative of a policy decidedly in favour of Union. But for this unanimity they would have been without sufficient encouragement to continue their labours, and would have felt themselves justified in declining the trust reposed in them. Guided by the discussions that have taken place, the resolutions that have been passed, and the instructions that have been given by your reverend Court from time to time, they have endeavoured to the utmost of their ability to negotiate measures that shall lead to an honourable consummation of the proposed Union. The basis again agreed upon in Committee has been already unanimously accepted by the Synod. The accompanying resolutions before the Synod at its last meeting are returned with alterations and additions that are few and unimportant, but at the same time reflecting, it is believed, the views entertained by the Court. That there should be some diversity of opinion with regard to one or two of them is not surprising, when the nature of the interests involved is considered, but the general favour with which they have been received seems to warrant the conclusion that, in the circumstances and looking to what is practicable, they are the best that can be framed.

Your Committee, therefore, think themselves justified in advising that the time has come for the Synod to transmit the basis and accompanying resolutions now reported to the inferior judicatories and congregations of the Church, with instructions to consider them carefully, and report their opinions thereon to the next annual meeting, so that the mind of the office-bearers and members of the Church may be fully ascertained, with respect to the practicability of the proposed Union, without further delay; and in advising the adoption of this constitutional course, conformably to the united action agreed upon by the negotiating Committees at their last meeting, they further strongly recommend that they be transmitted without change so as to avoid the necessity of another joint meeting of Committees.

The expenses incurred by members of Committee in conducting negotiations, since their appointment in 1870, amount to $425.00, and your Committee are of opinion that the Synod should take steps to provide for these expenses without delay.

All which is respectfully submitted in the name and by the appointment of the Committee.

K. MACLENNAN,
Convener, p. t.

MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES OF THE PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, ON THE SUBJECT OF UNION, AT ST. JOHN, N.B., APRIL, 1873.

At St. John, N. B., and within Calvin Church there, on the 11th day of April, 1873, at 11 o'clock, a.m., the Committees on the subject of Union, appointed by the Supreme Courts of the following Churches, viz: The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland—the Canada Presbyterian Church—the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland—and the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces—met on the call of the respective Conveners of these Committees, as a Joint Committee, to carry out the purpose of their appointment.

Present:—The Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D., The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, The Rev. James C. Smith, Ministers, with Mr. James Craig, M.P.P., and Mr. James Croil, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Robert Ure, The Rev. Professor Caven, The Rev Professor MacVicar, LL.D., The Rev. Thomas McPherson, The Rev. Dr. Topp, Ministers, with the Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. Thomas McRae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church; The Rev. Allan Pollok, The Rev. Dr. Brooke, The Rev. Donald McRae, The Rev. G. J. Caie, Ministers, with Mr. Jas. J. Bremner, Elder of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces in connexion with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Dr. Bayne, The Rev. G. Christie, The Rev. James Bennet, The Rev. G. Patterson, The Rev. Professor MacKnight, Ministers, with Mr. M. H. Goudge, Mr. H. B. Webster, Mr. John S. McLean, and Mr. G. A. Blanchard, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces.

It was moved by Dr. Jenkins, and seconded by Dr. Topp, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Dr. Bayne be appointed Chairman, Dr. Bayne accordingly took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

It was then moved by Principal Snodgrass, and unanimously agreed to, that Dr. Topp be appointed to act as Secretary.

The Committee unanimously approved of the conduct of the Conveners in calling this meeting.

The Conveners severally reported the deliverances on the subject of Union of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches, at their last meeting in June, 1872.

There were also read the minutes of a Conference held at Montreal, on the 26th day of December, 1872, between the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of considering matters arising out of the deliverances of the Supreme Courts of these Churches, and specially affecting them.

It was resolved to engross these in the minutes of this Committee; and they are accordingly engrossed, viz:—

At Montreal, and within St. Paul's Church there, the Committees on Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, and of the Canada Presbyterian Church, met on the 26th December, 1872, at 11 o'clock, a.m. *Present:* The Rev. Principal Snodgrass, D.D., The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, The Rev. Dr. Bell, Ministers, with Messrs. James Craig, James Croil, Archibald McMurchy, and Robert Bell, Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland; The Rev. Dr. Taylor, The Rev. Professor MacVicar, LL.D., the Rev. Professor Caven, The Rev. Robert Ure, The Rev. Thomas McPherson, The Rev. Dr. Topp, Ministers, with the Hon. John McMurrich, and Mr. Thomas McCrae, Elders of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

The Conveners, Principal Snodgrass and Dr. Topp, stated the purpose for which they had deemed it expedient to call their respective Committees together at this time, viz., to consult with reference to certain deliverances of their respective Supreme Courts, which appear to indicate diversity of sentiment on some subjects. The meeting approved of the conduct of the Conveners in thus calling them together, and resolved to hold a Conference as proposed.

It was then moved by Professor Caven, and seconded by Dr. Topp, and unanimously agreed to, that the Rev. Dr. Jenkins be appointed Chairman. Dr. Jenkins accordingly took the chair. At his request the Conference was constituted with prayer by Dr. Taylor and Professor Caven.

Dr. Topp was unanimously appointed to act as Secretary.

The Conveners of the two Committees read the deliverances of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches on the various matters brought under their notice in connexion with the proposed Union. It was found from these, that the subjects to be considered by this Conference were the following: 1. The deliverance of the Canada Presbyterian Church on the Headship of Christ over His Church. 2. The deliverances of both Churches on State grants to Denominational Colleges. 3. The deliverances of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, on the mode of appointment of Theological Professors.

It was resolved to take up the deliverance on the Headship first. The same was read, and explanations were given as to its meaning and object by the Convener, and by other members of the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Authoritative documents of the respective Churches on the subject were read, viz: On the part of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland: The Act of Independence; The questions put to Ministers at ordination; The Formula signed by the Ministers of that Church, and The Form used in closing the meeting of the Supreme Court. On the part of the Canada Presbyterian Church there were read the articles of the Basis of Union between the two bodies now composing that Church; The questions put to Ministers at ordination, and the Formula.

After interchange of sentiment, and frank conversation on these documents, the members of the Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, directed copies of the documents read by them to be transmitted to the Convener of the Committee of the Canada Presbyterian Church, that said Committee may deal with the matter in their report in such a way as to them may seem proper.

The subject of State grants to Denominational Colleges was next taken up. The deliverances of the Supreme Courts of the two Churches thereon were read.

During the discussion of this subject by the Conference, the hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

Same day and place, 3½ p.m., the Conference met, and was constituted with prayer by the Chairman.

Sederunt as before, with the addition of Mr. David Mackay, Elder of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Dr. Jenkins, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

The consideration of the matter of State grants to Denominational Colleges was resumed The following deliverance, proposed by Professor Caven, and seconded by Dr. MacVicar, was unanimously adopted, viz: This Conference claims for the respective Churches represented by it the fullest forbearance as to any difference of opinion which may exist respecting the question of State grants to Educational Establishments of a Denominational character, and does not see, in such diversity of sentiment upon a subject on which uniformity of opinion is not enforced within any of the negotiating bodies, anything which need prove a barrier to Union, or disturb the peace of a united Church.

The Rev. Gavin Lang now entered, and took his seat in the Conference.

The subject of the appointment of Professors in the Theological Colleges was then taken up. The deliverance of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, respecting it was read. After lengthened conversation on the subject, it was the unanimous opinion of the Conference that the whole matter should be referred to the deliberations of the Joint Committee at its next meeting.

The Conference having reason to express its thankfulness at the satisfactory progress which has been made with reference to the object for which this meeting has been held, recommends the Conveners of the Committees of the Churches concerned, to make arrangements for a joint meeting of these Committees at St. John, N.B., on Friday, the 11th April, 1873, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

The Rev. Robert Ure, at the request of the Chairman engaged in prayer.

The minutes of this and the previous meeting were read and approved.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JOHN JENKINS, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

It was agreed that the Sessions of this Committee should be from 9½ o'clock a.m., till 1 o'clock; from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m.; and from 7.30 p.m. till such time as adjournment is agreed to.

Adjourned and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, same day and place, 3 p.m. The Committee met, and, at the request of the Chairman, Mr. McPherson constituted the meeting with prayer.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In proceeding to the proper business of this Committee it was resolved to take up the consideration of the Basis of Union first, and that the articles of the Basis of Union, as adopted by the Joint Committee, at its meeting in 1871, be now read. This having been done,

It was moved by Dr, Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Ure, and unanimously

Worship, when it was unanimously resolved, That with regard to modes of worship, the practice presently followed by congregations, in the matter of worship, shall be allowed, and that further action in connexion therewith be left to the legislation of the United Church.

The subject of Collegiate Education was next brought under the notice of the Committee, when, after discussion, Principal Snodgrass moved, and the Hon. John McMurrich seconded the motion, That the negotiating Churches shall enter into union with the Theological and Literary Institutions which they now have; and that application be made to Parliament for such legislation as will bring Queen's University and College, Knox College, the Presbyterian College, Montreal, Morrin College, and the Theological Hall at Halifax, into relations to the United Church similar to those which they now hold to their respective Churches, and to preserve their corporate existence, government and functions, on terms and conditions like to those under which they now exist; but the United Church shall not be required to elect Trustees for an Arts' Department in any of the Colleges above named. This motion was unanimously carried.

The Committee then adjourned, to meet on Monday, the 14th, at 10.30 a.m.

Closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, and within Calvin Church there, on the 14th day of April, 1873, at 10.30 a.m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr. MacVicar, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before. Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

Principal Snodgrass moved, seconded by the Hon. John McMurrich, and the motion was unanimously agreed to, That the Committee recommend that steps be taken at the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Church, for the equitable establishment and administration of an efficient Fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of ministers.

It was also unanimously resolved, on the motion of Principal Snodgrass, That such legislation shall be sought as shall preserve undisturbed all rights of property now belonging to congregations and corporate bodies, and, at the same time, not interfere with freedom of action on the part of congregations in the same locality desirous of uniting, or on the part of corporate bodies which may find it to be expedient to discontinue, wholly or partially, their separate existence.

Principal Snodgrass reported action on the part of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, as follows: "That the Temporalities' Fund shall remain, as at present, in the hands of a Board, the membership of which shall be continued, after the consummation of the Union, by the remanent members having power to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise; and the administration of the Fund shall continue on the same principles and for the same purposes as at present, until all vested rights shall have lapsed; and these rights shall be held to be the following:—(1.) The annual receipt by ministers now receiving four hundred and fifty dollars ($450), four hundred dollars ($400), or two hundred dollars ($200), of the same amount during their lifetime, and good standing in the Church. (2.) The annual receipt of two thousand dollars ($2000) by the Treasurer of Queen's College, and (3) the annual receipt of two hundred dollars ($200) by all the ministers

who shall be on the Synod Roll at the time of the Union, and by all recognized Probationers and Licentiates during their lifetime, and good standing in the Church; That as soon as the Fund or any part of it, shall no longer be required for these purposes, it shall be appropriated (1) to the formation of a Fund for the benefit of Aged and Infirm Ministers of the United Church, retired from the active duties of the ministry with the sanction of the said Church, in the proportion of six-ninths; (2) for the maintenance and extension of the Theological Faculty of Queen's College, in the proportion of two-ninths; (3) to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the said United Church, in the proportion of one-ninth—these calculations to be based on a capital fund of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($450,000), and the residue, over and above this amount, up to forty thousand dollars ($40,000), to be devoted to the maintenance of the Theological Faculty of Morrin College; And whereas, the Committee on Union desire instructions as to the mode of making provision for the payment of two hundred dollars ($200) per annum to all Ministers on the Roll at the time of Union, until such time as they become beneficiaries of the Temporalities' Fund, the Synod refer the matter to the wisdom of the Committee to arrange such method of provision as they may deem best, drawing, if necessary (but only as an extreme measure, when no other method of meeting the difficulty can be devised), upon the capital of the Fund—the same to be repaid to capital before any distribution of the principal Fund takes place.

Professor Caven moved, seconded by the Hon John McMurrich, and the motion was unanimously adopted, that This Committee record its satisfaction with the proposed arrangement of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.

Adjourned, and closed with prayer.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

At St. John, same day and place, 3 p.m., the Committee met, and was constituted with prayer by Mr. Webster, at the request of the Chairman.

Sederunt as before, Dr. Bayne, Chairman; Dr. Topp, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and sustained.

It was then moved by Professor Caven, seconded by Professor MacKnight, and unanimously agreed to, That the Committee does now express its confident expectation that the United Church will heartily take up and prosecute the Home and Foreign Missionary and Benevolent operations of the several churches, according to their respective claims; and that with regard to the practical work of the Church, and the promotion of its schemes, whilst the General Assembly shall have the supervision and control of all the work of the Church; yet the Committee recommend that the United Church shall have due regard to such arrangements, through Synods and Local Committees, as shall tend most effectually to unite in Christian love and sympathy the various sections of the Church, and at the same time to draw forth the resources and energies of the people in behalf of the work of Christ in the Dominion, and throughout the world.

The Committee further agreed that the name of the United Church should be "The Presbyterian Church of British North America."

In terminating their proceedings, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution :—

"This meeting, having carefully reviewed the deliberations and proceedings of the present and two former joint meetings of Committees, records its gratification at the agreement which has been attained on the various subjects that have been considered, and believing that all matters claiming attention have been discussed, resolves, That the Committees, in reporting to the next ensuing annual meetings of the Supreme Courts of their respective Churches, shall submit an extract of this minute, along with the proposed Basis of Union, and the deliverances that have been passed, with a strong recommendation in favour of the adoption of the same without change, so that precisely the same document may be transmitted by all the Courts; and that there may be no further delay in ascertaining the views of all parties concerned on the subject of Union."

It was then moved by Dr. Jenkins, seconded by the Hon. John McMurrich, and cordially agreed to, That the Joint Committee, representing the several Presbyterian Churches of British North America, does express its grateful sense of the great kindness and hospitality extended to its members by Christian friends in the city; also that the thanks of the Committee be given to the Minister and Managers of Calvin Church for the use of the same, and for the comfortable accommodation thus provided for their meetings.

Dr. Jenkins, Professor Caven and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to revise the minutes, previously to their being printed for the use of the Supreme Courts.

The Rev. Robert Ure, having been requested by the Chairman, engaged in prayer, and then the meeting was closed with the Benediction by the Chairman.

JAMES BAYNE, D.D., *Chairman.*
ALEXANDER TOPP, D.D., *Secretary.*

APPENDIX O.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK.

The Committee in presenting their second annual report have to state that they met at Leith on Wednesday, 27th Jan. and Wednesday, 12th Feb. respectively, and drew up the following questions :—

QUESTIONS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK, FOR MINISTERS AND KIRK SESSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

I—THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE :—What of its vitality? Is it affected to any extent by the special worldliness of this new country? Has it been shaken by the questions and controversies of the day—such as that pertaining to the Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; or that of an ordained Ministry as a Divine Institution? Is there any appearance of letting go old and once cherished beliefs, and taking up with some of the many forms of error now prevailing—such as that of the Thomasites or the Plymouth Brethren?

II—THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH :—What may be the number of the unbaptized over two years? Is the privilege of Baptism confined to such as are members of the visible Church, or do you in your practice take in a larger circle? In some congregations the idea prevails, that the Sacrament of Baptism does not hold the same high ground that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper does—that is, that it is an ordinance for believers alone,—and many are found acting on this idea. Then again, the mother is a communicant, while the father stands aloof, and so claims the privilege of Baptism—what of your congregation in these respects? What of private Baptism? Would you indicate what your practice is as to admission to the Lord's Supper? Do you, for example, in dealing with applicants, require, besides a good life and an intelligent view of the Gospel, any personal experience of its power? Do you in every case insist upon an adherence to the standards of the Church as a term of communion? Would you, for example, admit one holding Arminian or Baptist principles? What may be the number over eighteen years of age that have not entered into the communion of the Church, and are living unpledged to a Christian life? What is the amount of your Church membership?

III—THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE AND THEIR ATTENDANCE ON ORDINANCES :—What proportion of your people may be chargeable with the sin of often forsaking the assembling of themselves together on the Lord's Day? What may be the causes of their neglect of this duty? What of the worship of those that do attend? In some congregations the end sought by many of the worshippers is no higher than the gratification of the intellect or imagination. There is a disposition to criticise the sermon, enjoy the music, and see the people, rather than to feed upon the word. Do you find these evils to any extent among your people? If so, what suggestions would you offer as a remedy? What of family worship? In last year's deliverance on the Committee's Report the Synod gave certain recommendations anent this duty. What has been the effect of such recommendations in the case of your people?

IV—THE SPECIAL SINS OF THE PEOPLE :—Would you state what these special sins are? What of Sabbath desecration—worldliness, intemperance and the sins against the Seventh commandment? What might be the number of illegitimate births among your people last year? Would you state how many cases of discipline you had to deal with during the past twelve months? Do you subject those chargeable with the sin of intemperance to discipline? Do you and your Session offer any special encouragement to the Abstinence principle? It is said that Denominational rivalry is doing much in the way of relaxing discipline. Do you find it to do so in your congregation? How are your people affected by the contemplated union of Presbyterians?

V—THE RELIGIOUS LIFE AND WORK OF THE PEOPLE :—The Master compared himself to a householder (Mark, XIII chap., 34th v.) who, when leaving for a season, gavé every man his work to do and commanded the porter to watch. How far is this great thought, bearing upon working in the Church, carried out by your people? What proportion of your congregation may be set down as being actually engaged, from week to week, in some duty pertaining to Church life or work, including Elders, Sabbath School Teachers, Managers, Collectors, Public Choirsters, &c.? Are there any engaged in Evangelistic work under your supervision? If so, is your experience of it such that you would recommend it as a congregational agency that might be adopted with advantage in other cases in the Church?

VI—THE INSTRUCTION OF THE PEOPLE :—In regard to Scripture truth and the standards of the Church, there is much ignorance prevailing; more especially in reference to Infant Baptism and the Presbyterian form of Church Government, in consequence of which many of our people are lost every year to the Church, and become the easy proselytes of another faith. What of your people in this respect? And

in reference to the special sins referred to under heading IV, do you give your people the needed instruction, *warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom?* What provision for the religious instruction of the young? Any special services for them during the year? What of the Sabbath School? Bible Class? Prayer Meeting?—Any tokens of prosperity resulting therefrom?

VII—THE SUPERVISION OF THE PEOPLE:—How often do you visit them pastorally? Would you indicate what your practice is on such occasions? Have you any private and personal dealing with the young who are reaching mature years, but who are living unpledged to a Christian life? Do the Elders share with you in the general work of the care of souls? Has each one his district which he is expected to work—his own portion of the flock, for whom he holds himself specially responsible?

VIII.—THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE SUPPORT OF ORDINANCES AND THE MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH:—What does each communicant average? What is your method of raising those contributions?—If by weekly offering under the envelope system, how does it work?—Would you recommend it? The Committee will be glad to receive from you any suggestions on this or any of the preceding subjects.

To these questions fully sixty returns have been received, being an increase of twenty over last year, and with these returns many pleasing assurances are given of the beneficial effects of this new effort of the Church. In some instances ministers have taken the circular to the pulpit, and read it to their flocks, commenting theron, and in other cases they have taken it with them in their pastoral rounds, and taken advantage of the opportunity afforded of conversing with the people in their own homes in reference to prevailing sins, and on such subjects as family prayer, and regularly waiting upon God in his ordinances.

Several brethren bear testimony to the good results therefrom, and the questioning power which the circular has imparted to such, bringing before them, as it did, points which had been somewhat overlooked, and stimulating them to the prosecution of their many sided work with a more single eye to the glory of God. But there is a dark as well as a bright side of the picture which the Committee are bound to present to the Church. Even of those congregations referred to, they cannot speak in terms of unqualified congratulation, much less of the Church as a whole, as will be seen in dealing with the questions separately.

In regard to the first question in the circular there is no great complaint in the replies to this question about speculative error or departure from the faith as set forth in the time honoured standards of the Church. There are, indeed, cases mentioned in which scepticism, in some forms, is openly avowed, but the complaint on this score is trifling compared to that on the latent scepticism which is never avowed—the numbers in every neighbourhood who have no feeling on the subject of religion at all, neither hope nor fear, joy nor sorrow. There are thousands of the people, it would seem, that have hardly a thought to spend on the subject as a matter of personal concern—thousands that never think upon it, but in that passive, easy, good natured way which comes from custom or education. According to these returns about one-half over the age of eighteen years are living in this condition; and with regard to the other half who have made a profession of their faith, there is the almost universal complaint of a low spiritual state, a feeble faith, all but overcome by the benumbing touch of the world. The spiritual life of the people, to a large extent is running

low, the vision of God is dim, and *the heart heavy, set upon earthly things.*

The one cause assigned for this low spiritual state is the intense pressure of business—the prospect of getting on in life, and reaching to something like a competence, if not to wealth, and the terrible energy with which this prospect is prosecuted—an energy stimulated moreover by the shortness of the seasons and the precariousness of the rewards. Such an energy, maintained from day to day, and year to year, is found to be fearfully secularizing, and at war with the higher life of faith unfitting the mind for serious thought, for private devotion, and dissipating such impressions as may be made upon it from time to time in the sanctuary. In short, the all but universal complaint is the want of a living, thoughtful, earnest, intelligent Christianity.

To meet this great evil among our people, *to strengthen the things which remain and are ready to die,* the Committee have no suggestion to offer, but a deeper consecration on the part of our ministers, to the great work which has been given them to do. The evil in question is not peculiar to Canada. It is an evil which is everywhere felt, but which everywhere will yield in due time to one in communion with the Eternal, fetching his supplies from the unseen, and himself alive to the grand realities of the eternal world. Keeping himself in the love of God and coming daily into those wholesome conditions and holier fellowships wherein his true strength lies, he will not be like one crying in the wilderness, mourning over empty pews and barren results, but on the contrary he will be a power wherever he goes. He *may go forth weeping, but he goes forth bearing precious seed, and he shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

The next question bears upon the Membership of the Church, the practice of Ministers as to the dispensation of the Sacraments, and the qualifications insisted upon in the applicants. [See Question II.] In reading the replies the Committee were struck with the diversity of sentiment prevailing in reference to Baptism. With three or four Ministers private baptism is the rule, and with all more or less practised. One brother presiding over a large country congregation insists that it is the best for all concerned, and a large number have no rigid rule on the subject, but baptize privately or publicly as circumstances indicate. Still whatever the practice, the almost universal voice of the Church is that Baptism should be public—should be in the face of the congregation.

Then as to those parents receiving Baptism for their children, there is also a remarkable diversity of sentiment on the part of Ministers. One baptizes all but the children of avowed infidels; about ten baptize only the children of communicants in good standing; two the children of all that have themselves been baptised, believing that in virtue of the parent's baptism he has a claim in behalf of his child.

In order to give a specimen of the sentiments prevailing in the Church anent baptism the following passages are recorded which have been gleaned from these returns, and which the writers will readily recognize.

(2) My theory is that the children of all baptized persons have a claim to Baptism.

(3) Baptism is not wholly confined to the children of professing Christians, but since fitness to assume the parental vows at an infant's baptism should certainly qualify the parent for admission to the communion of the Church, and since an open profession of faith is the best security we can get for the right fulfilment of baptismal vows, I strive to secure that, at least, one of the parents be a communicant, and this is almost invariably the case.

(4) I baptize the children of parents who are not members of the Church. I know it is the doctrine of the Church that the Children of members only should be baptised, but I think there is *incontrovertible Scripture ground* for the baptism of the children of such as believe only *intellectually* in the great doctrines of the Word of God. "At the commencement of my ministry I was disposed to carry out the doctrine of the Church inflexibly, because I was brought up in a section of country in which this practice was observed, but as a different practice had prevailed here for 30 years, I was led to investigate the subject, and I concluded that those who had themselves been baptized could claim the right for their children."

It appears further from these returns that the Sacrament of Baptism does not occupy the same high ground in the estimation of many of our people which that of the Lord's Supper does, as will be seen by the following statements from esteemed brethren :—

(1) "The Sacrament of Baptism is not looked upon with the same "degree of solemnity or sacredness as the Lord's Supper. It is not "considered so binding in its requirements."

(2) I believe that some of my congregation regard the Sacrament of Baptism as inferior to that of the Lord's Supper. I think that Gaelic Ministers and people have elevated that of the Lord's Supper to an undue extent by their number of week day services in connection with it, and by their observing of it only once a year.

(3) The common error of regarding the Sacrament of Baptism as less sacred than that of the Lord's Supper does prevail, partly in consequence, I believe, of the unceremonious manner in which it has often been celebrated, as in private houses, without convenience or a decent vessel for the element used—fitted to bring it into contempt, or at best inducing the belief of its being merely a decent form of giving the child a name. I would recommend the use of a font, or other comely vessel, in a prominent place, before the eyes of the congregation, where it may be seen at all times, and let the service be as solemnly and reverently gone about as the celebration of the Holy Communion.

(4) Surely the practice of the Church in the administration of Baptism should be more equalized, not merely that Ministers should follow the same practice, but that a greater equality of solemnity or sanctity should be given to the two Sacraments, instead of our having one unduly exalted at the expense of the other.

From these representations it is clear that there is no uniform sentiment or practice in regard to Baptism, and it is also clear that it does not generally occupy the same high ground which that of the Lord's Supper does.

Then again in regard to the admission of candidates to the Lord's Supper the diversity of sentiment as to qualification is no less remarkable.

One says: "Persons professing to hold Arminian or Baptist princi-"ples cannot be received."

Another says: "I do not regard the observance of the Lord's Supper "as having anything to do with denominational peculiarities, I would "admit an Armenian or Baptist, or for that matter a Roman Catholic, "if I had reason to believe that he was animated by love to Christ, "and had an intelligent view of the Ordinance."

Another says: "I always seek to ascertain that the applicant has "had a personal experience of the power of the Gospel. Better a "small but living membership than a large half-dead-and-alive one, "I *now* insist upon adherence to the standards, but at communion sea-"son I always extend an invitation to any members present from "other Churches who are in good standing."

Such is a specimen of the returns bearing upon admission to the Lord's Table. Quite a large number of Ministers would admit any one asking for the privilege who simply professes his faith in Christ, no matter what his peculiar tenets may be. The Committee abstain from making any remarks upon these statements, but in view of the diversity of sentiment prevailing on the subject of the Sacraments and the possible dangers that might arise, the Committee express the hope that the Synod will not dispose of the report without giving forth an authoritative expression of its mind on the subject, to the end that there may be a closer adherence to the standards of the Church, and greater uniformity on the part of Ministers in the administration of the Sacraments. They would reiterate the wise words of an esteemed brother which they have already quoted, "*Better a small but living membership than a large but half dead and alive one.*" The practice of some Ministers in preparing the young for the Holy Communion by a special course of instruction is worthy of notice and commendation. If we are to look for a true and an intelligent people—a people that will stand in the evil day and be a real contribution of strength to the Church, the Committee feel that her people must be well indoctrinated—that the youth when they do take Christ's ground—do so with an intelligent view of the Gospel and a full appreciation of the responsibilities of the new life to which they are called.

The next question bears upon the worship of the people, public and private, and especially upon the attendance on ordinances. [See Question III.]

The census of 1871 gives to the Church 107,259 adherents, which reduced by one-third for children and others not able to attend, leaves 71,506 as the number that should be in attendance, but instead of having 71,000 present as an average over the whole Church, there is reason to fear that we have not more than two-thirds of that number—that is to say, there are well nigh 24,000 of our people chargeable with the sin of neglecting ordinances. It is impossible, of course, for the Committee, with the very insufficient data before them, to say that that is the actual number, but looking at these sheets they fear that that may be regarded as something like an approximation.

Seven Ministers set down one-half of those able to attend as the average number absent; two, one-third; two, one-fourth; four, one-fifth; two, one-tenth; eight, a few, and one Minister says that none of his people can be charged with this sin. The rest do not speak definitely on this point, but it is clear to the Committee that the number is alarmingly great.

But though there is much complaint upon the score of non-attendance, there is little or no complaint as to the worship of those who do attend. While there may be those who go to Church for no higher ends than those referred to in the circular under this head, it is believed that the great body of the people who do wait upon God in His ordinances are true worshippers of the Father, and that in some places there is a growing thirst for the word, and an increasing number of thoughtful, earnest men, repairing to the sanctuary, ready to welcome a true messenger from God, and to listen reverently to the message which he brings. Still there stands the dark fact that nearly 24,000 of the people are neglecting the means of grace, and doubtless for the most part, swelling the tide of ungodliness, and every Sabbath giving way to riot and dissipation. Moreover in connection with the returns bearing upon the worship of the people and their attendance on Divine Service is the alarming fact already referred to, which must not here be passed over in silence—namely, the large number who have reached mature years that make no profession of their faith, and who seem to

have no connection with the Church, save only a nominal adherence.

To the question, *What may be the number in your Congregation over the age of* 18 *years that have not entered into the Communion of the Church*, the reply in some cases is to the effect that more are they that are in this state than in that of the Communion—that young men especially are at fault in this matter—that loving the present world and the license of an easy non-profession, and perhaps, in some cases, laboring under false impressions in regard to the Holy Communion—they are slow to assume the vows of a christian life and consecrate themselves to the service of God. One Minister declares that out of about 200 whose marriages he has solemnized, not more than 20 had taken christian ground, and he believes that his case is not peculiar, but that all over the Church there are multitudes rushing into life's solemn responsibilities like the war horse into the battle, unpledged to a christian life and unprepared to meet its trials. It would seem, moreover, that the sentiment is growing among the young, both in town and country, that a public profession of christianity is a matter in which they are not immediately concerned—that *that* is for a graver period of life—and a period less exposed to temptations than theirs—in short that it is for those that have become heads of families, and the aged and infirm.

With regard to the causes assigned for so much absence and non-profession one or two deserve particular notice, and first that which has been already mentioned under another head—the pressure of business—the power of the world—the long hours in which many have to work, and the weight and weariness of their labours. Few either in town or country, save those in easy circumstances, take time for prayers in the morning, and many are so exhausted when the Sabbath comes that they want rest for the body rather than refreshment for the soul. There is but little time for reading and reflection, and often no heart to attend to the one thing needful, and it is not to be wondered at that there are so many pews vacant every Sabbath that should be filled, and that so many ultimately fall away into practical atheism and are lost both to the Church and the world.

Another cause assigned for this evil is the heavy and uninteresting character of the Presbyterian worship. A distinguished Minister maintains that the use of the Scottish Hymnal and a free use of Euchologion in the prayers, have improved worship and greatly increased the interest in the service in his Church, and another holds that many that have fallen away from the Church, and settled down into other communions, fell away by reason of our bald and barren service—our everlasting preaching to the intellect, and making almost no provision for man's emotional nature, and he intimates that the great want of our time is not better sermons, but better prayers, finer music, in short greater attention to the devotional part of the service.

These are statements worthy of being pondered, but we must not forget that preaching is God's great ordinance, and therefore the Committee very cordially endorse the saying of an esteemed brother, and commend it to the Synod. "I think" he says, speaking of the evils under this head, "I think that earnest preaching, which is at once thoughtful and simple—preaching that touches the society of to-day—drawing its illustration rather than its subjects from the questions, customs, follies and sins that are most likely to occupy men's thoughts through the week—with devotional exercises that are brief, fervent, and well expressed, and as great heartiness as is attainable, are the means which we may most confidently expect God to bless for the edification of His Church.

And the Committee would add that while there is a loud call in these days to give more heed to the devotional part of the service, the sermon also needs to be something more than what it was in former days, when books and papers and periodicals were rare,—and if the sermon rise to its relative place, and deal permanently and strongly with the great doctrines of grace it will still be the grand attraction, and felt to be the wisdom of God and the power of God. The Committee are not insensible to the charms referred to, and how all such are fitted to stir man's emotional nature, but the Committee would submit that man has a deeper nature than the emotional, and that for the rousing of this his deeper nature—his intellect—his conscience—his spiritual sensibility, *God's great instrument is the sermon;* and the Committee ventures to state that wherever this is lost sight of, the people, in spite of all the attractions that minister merely to the senses, will fall away. Finding nothing to nourish their deeper nature,—to scatter the darkness that rests upon many questions—nothing or next to nothing to brave them up to fight the battle of life, they will perish for lack of knowledge, or wander away to other and better pastures.

The next question bears upon the sins of the people. [See Question IV.] From the replies to these questions it appears that worldliness, so strongly referred to under another head, is the great sin against which the Church has to contend. Other sins are mentioned, such as intemperance, uncleanness, slander, Sabbath desecration, irreverence, but these all shrink into insignificance beside this great overshadowing evil.

Fourteen cases of discipline are reported as having taken place during the year. Some of these have been for sins against the Seventh Commandment, but the most have been for intemperance. It appears that this last mentioned sin is now happily on the decrease—that the Church is now more alive to its duty in this regard. Twenty-three of those Ministers who have sent in returns have espoused the Total Abstinence principle, and, in most cases supported by their Elders, have been the means of working a great reformation. And while a few in their returns pass over the subject in silence, the rest bear testimony to the fact that they do everything they can to encourage temperance among the people, and fail not both in the pulpit and out of it to lift their voice against this great evil.

In this connection the Committee feel bound to mention another sin which has been brought under their notice—that is, the sin of irreverence—the want of respect to things sacred. It appears from some of these sheets that the want of proper meeting houses in some country places, the want of a vestry, the want of conveniences, and proper sacramental vessels has something to do with the prevalence of this sin. No doubt the root of the evil lies deeper, but as it is, the sin in question has been greatly fostered by the want of such things, and this sin, often rising to foul mouthed scorn, is manifested not only against God, but against all his appointments, the Sabbath and the sanctuary, the minister and the magistrate and the parent.

With reference to discipline it would appear to your Committee that in many cases it is merely a name, seldom resorted to, unless in very scandalous cases, and when resorted to, it is often with a timid and trembling hand.

It was in this connection that they ventured to insert the question as to the effect of denominational rivalry, and whether the contemplated union would tend towards a higher life and a firmer discipline, but it does not appear that the questions have been always answered in that light.

In view of these evils overshadowing the whole Church, and in some

cases eating out the very heart and soul of Religion, the Committee feel that a pastoral letter would, under the blessing of God, be attended with good results,—that is, a letter drawn up by the Moderator, or the College of Moderators, and issued by the authority of the Synod, addressed to all Ministers and Elders, calling attention to these evils, exhorting them to raise their voice against them, *warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that they may present every man perfect before God.*

The next question on which the Committee sought information, touches the numbers actually engaged in christian work in the different congregations. [See Question V.]

In a goodly number of the reporting congregations there is a very considerable proportion of the members of the Church that lay themselves out to take part in Christian work from week to week and Sabbath to Sabbath, and that feel the force of their obligations in this regard. One-third, one-fourth, one-fifth, one-sixth, one-eighth, one-tenth, are the proportions set down in some of these returns; and although there may be many that engage in the work of the Church as Sabbath School teachers, choristers, collectors, visitors, managers, from inferior motives, yet looking at these facts all in all, the Committee are cheered with the life and work which these facts reveal. But there is also a dark as well as a bright side of this picture which must be presented, and it is this, that fully two-thirds of the Ministers in giving in their replies to these questions complain of the slowness of our people, even of some of the Elders to take part in Christian work.

This question was introduced into the circular, not only from the conviction that there is much work that cannot be overtaken by the Minister, but also from the conviction that there is a great deal of latent energy, that might be employed in many ways, such as in the Sabbath School, the prayer meeting, district visiting, ministering to the sick and the poor of the flock. In every town, in almost every neighbourhood, there are numbers in ignorance and out of the way, careless and churchless, yet claiming, it may be, connection with the Church, that might be greatly benefitted by the kindly visit, from time to time, of one who had himself or herself tasted that God is gracious, but who are nevertheless left to perish for lack of sympathy —lack of humanity.

Then again it appears from these reports that many of the Sabbath Schools are not half equipped, not that they are without teachers, but that they are without competent teachers, many of those to whom classes have been committed—to whom little children are looking up for instruction in divine things—perhaps the only instruction they will ever receive—are themselves very young, very poorly furnished, and as yet strangers to the power of the Gospel. And yet within a stone's throw of the school where such juvenile teachers are working there is perhaps some man of influence and talent taking his ease; and elderly women, whose years and experience in divine things might be expected to give a higher tone to the school, are at home, not knowing very well what to make of themselves.

Then again in regard to the prayer meeting there is the all but universal complaint, on the part of Ministers, of the poor attendance and the want of assistance—how that in many cases they cannot get one to open his mouth, or go to visit a dying man, and carry to him the consolations of the Gospel. In short, there are hundreds of our people, it is feared, perishing for lack of knowledge, while there are hundreds of gifted men and women in the Church, professing to love the Lord, who are standing all the day idle. Grievous complaints have

reached the Committee on this score, from several Ministers who declare that our people as a people have no proper conception of the duty under consideration, and intimate that the evil must continue till some means are used to break up their lethargy and draw forth their hidden talent in the service of the Master. In some denominations the tendency is the other way, and surely where God has given the word, that word ought not to be suppressed—the prayer ought not to be restrained. When the labours of some laymen are called to remembrance by your Committee, the feeling very naturally rises: *Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!* Through the whole Church there is a great backwardness in this respect, and such a labourer as an evangelist is unknown, unless it be in some of those congregations that have sent in no report.

The idea of working in the Church in any way is to many a strange idea, and one respecting which they need instruction,—*line upon line.* The prevailing notion seems to be that in entering the Church they enter it to hear sermons, partake of sacraments, and then go their way, absolved from all sin, and relieved from all further duty. They believe in the decrees of God—in the fact that He is working, but they have no idea of working with God and for God, or taking part in those great redeeming agencies that are making glad the City of God.

On this subject the Committee have no suggestion to offer but this, that the Synod in its deliverance give forth an expression of its mind to the effect that our people be better instructed in regard to their duty in this respect, and that Ministers in their parish work and organization, seek to make use *to a larger extent of the talents of our people.*

The next question bears upon the instruction of the people. [See Question VI.] From the replies sent in to these questions it appears that out of the sixty congregations that have reported, thirty-two have bible classes, kept up for the most part through the year. In twenty-three, there are special services for the young; in thirty, there is the weekly prayer meeting; and in fifty, sabbath schools have been established and maintained, and in many cases maintained with great vigor and regularity.

A few ministers acknowledge that there is considerable ignorance among their people in regard to infant baptism and the Presbyterian form of Church government—that is, as to the scriptural grounds on which these principles are maintained and defended, and they take blame to themselves in not giving the needed instruction; but it does not appear that many have fallen away from the Church on that ground, or become the easy proselytes of another faith. It also appears from these returns that the want of a *manual* such as that of Witherow, on the subjects named, for putting into the hands of the young, is very much felt; and it may be worthy of the consideration of the Court whether some such manual should not be adopted and commended to the Church for instructing them in the way of the Lord more perfectly.

The statistics bearing upon Sabbath Schools present a very cheering aspect. There are probably not less than 25000 children in attendance in these Sabbath Schools, with a corresponding number of teachers. Some of the churches have several Sabbath Schools in oporation, superintended by gifted men, and worked by a noble band of self-denying labourers, who freely give their time and talent to the service of God. With such a provision for the instruction of the young, the Committee, in taking a mere surface view of the matter, might suppose that they were well instructed in all the great truths of the Gospel, and that a Church membership, graduating from such schools, will be highly intelligent—not only professing the faith, but prepared to defend the faith that was once delivered to the saints, but they have reason to be-

lieve that this is far from universally the case. On the contrary, they have reason to fear that there is great ignorance among thousands of the people, even as to what be the first principles of the oracles of God. Several ministers complain of this in regard to applicants to the Lord's Supper. They find out that after years of such instruction in Sabbath Schools they have been preaching to such applicants in vain—"preaching over their heads." It would appear from these sheets that there is a great deal of teaching in the Sabbath School that goes for little—that there is a want of system and thoroughness in dealing with the lessons, that the teaching in many cases is fragmentary and unconnected, making but little impression upon the minds of the children, failing even to attach them to the Church. Moreover, many of the teachers are mere boys and girls that have hastily assumed the duty of teaching a class, and perhaps as hastily abandon it to give way to teachers like themselves, and when they remember that this is all that many receive in the way of early religious instruction, the Committee feel that there is a need for Ministers looking well to their Sabbath Schools, and still more looking well to the families where the great responsibility lies, for it is just here, it is believed, where the root of so many evils infecting society is to be found. It is plain to the Committee that family religion is on the decline in this country, and that the tendency of parents in regard to the religious instruction of the young is to leave that duty to the Sabbath School teachers. The old custom of Sabbath evening catechizing seems to be passing away—that blessed custom which not only gave the child light, but a memory which followed him through life like a ministering angel, and spoke to him with power when father and mother were able to speak to him no more.

The supervision of the people by Ministers and Elders is another subject on which the Committee sought information. [See Question VII.]

In the matter of pastoral visitation there seems to be great faithfulness on the part of all those Ministers that have sent in returns. With a very few exceptions the flock is visited once and in some instances twice a year, and such visiting is all but invariably accompanied by the reading of appropriate Scriptures and prayer and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom, but the same complaint that was so strongly expressed last year in regard to the small share of the burden borne by the elders is no less strongly expressed in these returns. Only ten out of the sixty speak favourably as to the work of the eldership, and very few seem to have the congregation divided into districts with an elder placed over each. There are only seven such cases reported. In short, with a few exceptions, the only supervision exercised over the flock is by the Ministers themselves.

And there is one question under this head that deserves special notice—the question bearing upon personal and private dealing with the young who have reached mature years without making a consecration of themselves to God. Alarmed at the extent of nonprofession among the adherents of the Church, notably among the young men, many Ministers lay themselves out to improve the occasion of their pastoral rounds for the special benefit of such young persons. Twenty-five of these returns go to show that this is the case, and bear testimony to the wisdom of such close and personal dealing. Serious and thoughtful, it may be, but held back by some temptation or misconception, many a one only wants a ray of light shed on some felt difficulty or a word of encouragement in regard to some known duty to lead him to cut his connection with sin, and take Church ground, and many a one standing at a distance and looking wistfully at a religious

life would doubtless welcome a true man that would approach him in this way as an angel of God. But in regard to this whole subject of the supervision of the people it is plain to the Committee that it cannot be accomplished by the ministry unaided and alone, and in view of this fact, and also in view of the loud complaints which have been raised, both this year and last, on the backwardness of many of the elders to bear their share of the burden, the Committee would suggest that in the pastoral letter, already recommended to be issued by the Synod on the sins of the people, the brethren in the eldership be also faithfully exhorted in regard to their duties, setting before them anew their solemn obligations, and calling upon them to take a larger share in the shepherding of the flock.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DUNCAN MORRISON,
Convener.

APPENDIX P.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now in Synod assembled, avail ourselves of this opportunity of renewing our expressions of loyal attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

We congratulate your Majesty on the increasing prosperity of this portion of the Empire and, believing that it is "righteousness which exalteth a nation," we desire as a branch of the Christian Church to maintain and extend the influence of Divine truth as the source of all our blessings and the best safeguard of law and order.

While rejoicing, in common with all your Majesty's devoted subjects, in the prosperity of the Mother Country and of this Dominion, we cherish the hope that the result of arbitrations recently terminated may be the removal of all causes of possible difficulty between your Majesty's Government and the United States of America.

That Almighty God may long preserve your Majesty to reign over a free, loyal and God-fearing people, and that he may bestow on your Majesty every blessing in this life and a crown of glory in that which is to come is our continued and earnest prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of Synod, at Montreal, this eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years.

JAMES PATTERSON,
Moderator.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.

APPENDIX Q.

To His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, &c., &c., K.T., Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, desire to tender the expressions of our loyalty and regard to your Excellency as Her Majesty's Representative in this Dominion.

We heard with much satisfaction and pleasure of the appointment of one so well known in the Mother Country to be the Governor General of Canada. We rejoice to think that the kindly feelings entertained towards your Excellency as a stranger have been largely increased by the interest you have manifested in all things relating to the prosperity of this country, and by the many opportunities your Excellency has been pleased to afford to its inhabitants of meeting with you.

We beg to assure your Excellency that, while we as office-bearers of a Christian Church feel it to be our special duty to extend the influence of Christianity to the people entrusted to our care, we also give due regard to all things relating to the moral and material prosperity of the community. We, as the representatives in this country of a Church, that has since the time of the Reformation given much consideration to the education of the people, take a deep interest in all measures which promote its cultivation and progress. From the special attention which your Excellency has given to this important subject, you will be pleased to learn that the Church with which we are connected has under its immediate control two Institutions for the promotion of higher education, viz: The University of Queen's College at Kingston and Morrin College at Quebec.

We are also much interested in the opening up and settlement of the Western part of the Dominion. So alive are we to the importance of establishing and maintaining the ordinances of Religion in those remote districts that, during the past year, we have sent a Missionary of our Church to Manitoba, and confidently expect that other labourers will soon follow him to this promising field.

By these and other measures of a similar nature we firmly trust that our humble endeavours will tend to promote the cause of order and progress in this land in which we dwell. We are thankful to Almighty God for the peace and prosperity which He has been pleased to vouchsafe to all parts of this Dominion during the past year.

Renewing our expressions of loyalty to the British Throne, and of gratitude for the many mercies, both spiritual and temporal, which we enjoy, we do most sincerely pray that the Giver of all good may bestow every blessing upon your Excellency, Lady Dufferin and the other members of your family, and make your Excellency's administration beneficial to all classes in this country.

Signed in name and by appointment of Synod, at Montreal, this eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three years.

JAMES PATTERSON,
Moderator.

J. H. MACKERRAS,
Clerk.

BUSINESS TO WHICH PRESBYTERIES ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE ATTENTION.

1. Election of a representative to the Sustentation Board by each Presbytery, at the meeting held last before next meeting of Synod, (*vide* Minutes 1870, pp. 27.)

2. To take steps to have all arrears to the Synod Fund paid by defaulting Kirk-Sessions within their bounds, (*vide* Minutes pp. 44.)

3. Presbyteries are required to inquire at each ordinary meeting and record in their Minutes what congregations within their bounds have made Special Collection or Collections in behalf of the Schemes of the Church falling due since their previous meeting. (Act anent Public Collections, pp. 45, 46.)

4. To consider and report to next meeting of Synod on the Overture anent Minimum Stipend. (Minutes pp. 43.)

5. To take steps at first ordinary meeting to carry out provisions of the Overture anent the better support of the Ministry. (Minutes, pp. 43.)

6. To consider and report on special remit anent the Basis of Union and accompanying Resolutions. (Minutes, pp. 32, 35.)

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